

## January 30

Yesterday we did an 11-minute essay in class. The topics we wrote about were very different. I didn't expect it to be so diverse. I thought most people would've thought to write about futuristic stories/movies. I'll write an 11-minute essay anytime, they're very fun. For my movie I picked *Munich* directed by Steven Spielberg. It's my favorite movie, (I affect, you affect, he affects) and this really **affected** me. This made it really easy to use in an 11-minute essay, because I think it looks at all aspects of life, such as: revenge, anger, guilt, sorrow, vengeance, hatred, pursuing peace, affection, and an "eye for an eye." The main idea of this movie is to show how the killing **affected** the leader of the group, but also how he got through (I affect, you affect, he affects) the guilt, and knew he was **affecting** the world in a good way. He had trouble with this thought, because he didn't know if he was doing good or bad. In life, everybody wants to (I affect, you affect, he affects) **affect** the world, but how they will do it is the question.

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