

I encourage you all to enter into some role playing. Speak “in character.”

Welcome to the Sunnyville School Board meeting!

Imagine that you are attending this meeting (either as a board member or a citizen) and you are here to debate this ISSUE: Should the book *The Education of Little Tree* be banned from the high school curriculum of Sunnyville High School?

For this journal I want you to enter into a fictional persona (that means take on a character like you were acting a part in a play). Don't be afraid to be a character that may not share your personal history or views. Then I want you to write a position/response to the controversy as if you were speaking at a School Board meeting. You can rant and rave, but you also have to sound reasonable and justify your opinions. I urge you to enter into the spirit of debate—refer to comments by others either in agreement or in dissent. Refer to bits of information you have received from your research.

Here in summary is what to do:

1. Present a brief autobiographical sketch of you character--who are you and why are you at this school board meeting (what interest do you have in the matter)
2. Present your opinions and arguments about whether this book should stay a part of the high school curriculum or be excluded from it. (Try to use BECAUSE statements and then elaborate upon them. E.g. I say ban the book because the author is such an awful racist.)
3. After you post, read and respond in character to FOUR of your peers' posts

Remember that FOUR responses are required for full credit.