

1. Please COPY and Skip a few lines in between:

Like most parents who have,
against all odds,
preserved a lively and still evolving
passion for good books,
I find myself,
each semester,
increasingly appalled by the dismal
lists of texts that my sons are
doomed to waste a school year
reading.

2. Beside each line describe what the author is doing.

For example, the first shows her ethos...

3. Draw a square around every specific word that helps convey tone.

Her shocking intro! * complex sentence

like most parents who have,

* ethos * she has to get her audience to see her as balanced, normal.
 - same level as them.

against all odds (sympathy)

pathos - interruption - pause - emphasizes how difficult her job is

preserved a lively and still evolving

passion for good books, - positive normal claim all parents would understand

I find myself, pause - reflection

each semester, pause - reflection - suspense...

increasingly appalled by the dismal

lists of texts that my sons are

doomed to waste a school year

reading. surprising word choice.

4. Make your own. To begin...consider an ironically "unfortunate situation/event." Consider your attitude towards it. What do you want your audience to know? Change? Think about?



Like most _____ who have,	How are you a part of a group that would understand your issue? What claim would make you look balanced?
against all odds,	(you can keep this one)
_____(verb -ed) a _____(adjective) and _____(adjective) _____(noun)	These words should convey more positivity and show that you are a good person.
I find myself,	
each _____,	Consider the time span of this event
Increasingly _____(shocked) by the _____(adjective) _____	This is where you use the perfect WORD to convey your attitude
that my _____	
are _____(ed) to _____ (-) a _____ (time span).	