INFORMATIVE ESSAY: ANALYSIS

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An **analysis essay** is a type of informative essay that examines different topics regarding an issue or event.

It can be a personal response supported by facts and evidence, leaving no room for any opinions.

This is also the simplest one, as it already provides data that makes it include both the definition of something and cause-and-effect statements. It can also be used to summarize a topic, one topic at a time.

THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG "ATIN CU PUNG SINGSING"

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Have you ever heard the folksong "Atin Cu Pung Singsing"? Does it actually have a different meaning that relates to colonization back then? Upon research, in its basic and literal meaning, when we heard the song, it told us that there was a girl who lost her ring, which she inherited from her mother. She was willing to do all that she could to get it back, even if it meant giving her own heart. Nonetheless, if you try to study it deeper, you'll realize that it has a deeper meaning behind the story of the song.

INTRODUCTION

introduces the topic by asserting trivia, questions, statements, and the like related to the topic.

"Atin Cu Pung Singsing" is a Kapampangan folk song that was uncertainly written, whether during the pre-colonial period or during the Spanish period. There are two reasons why its time period is uncertain. First, its original composer is unknown. There are also studies saying it was a debate back then when it really existed. Second, it was uncertain for the reason that its melody is quite similar to the pre-colonial sounds that were made back then, yet the lyrics seemed connected to colonization.

The song uses lots of symbolism, as the ring symbolizes one's identity and culture, the mother is the homeland, and the speaker or the girl is a citizen of that country. "Atin Cu Pung Singsing" not only explains that a lost ring needed to be found, but instead that ring symbolizes Kapampangan identity. According to the song, the ring was lost and nowhere to be found, like their identity that they once valued and used without any influence to change what they used to. In the end, the song only implies that you will only know the worth of your identity if you hold the responsibility of preserving your culture from the very beginning, so it won't fade even if it is passed down from generation to generation. Kapampangan used it as a reminder to care for their culture so it wouldn't fade under the influence of other groups of people in the Philippines, way back in the pre-colonial period. Aside from that, they were the only ones to use it as their basultu, or hidden message in a poem.

As the ring and what it symbolizes are important to the owner, of course the whole song itself has its own significance in our country's history from the past until now in the present generation. In its literal meaning, as children sing this folk song, they can learn a lesson from it: to value the worth of what was given to you, like the ring that was given to the girl. Furthermore, one of its relevances in both periods is that "Atin Cu Pung Singsing" amplifies nationalism and patriotism. Making ways to preserve one's culture that uphold one's identity shows a great example of being nationalistic. On the other hand, the sacrifice to do all this just to maintain the gem and soul of one's identity shows being patriotic.

BODY

includes the discussion of the topic.

The folk song tells us that it makes no sense to wait for our culture to vanish before taking action. There is no limit to how far you can run from where you were born; just bring your pride with you. There is nothing wrong with keeping forward; just don't forget to walk on the land you were raised on.

CONCLUSION

gives the final statement while analyzing all the data stated in the intro and body.

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