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Commentary on "The Unwritten Ballot"

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This paper particularly sticks out because of its use of many different types of sources and examples without losing sight of the purpose of the paper as a whole. The author of this paper pulls from different written resources and personal experiences and integrates them throughout the paper to help develop the argument. The examples are well placed and fully introduced and explained in order to give the reader a complete understanding of the purpose of each example as support for the thesis. Similarly, the transitions between each supporting idea under the thesis help to create an overarching flow of ideas and the feeling of an entire thought. Each supporting idea logically leading into the next, making it easy for the reader to follow. The most profound aspect however, is the way in which the author conveys the principles of Wendell Berry. The author does not simply reiterate quotes and paraphrase from Berry's text, but provides his own understanding of its significance as well as an application of Berry's advice. The author not only defines Berry's principles about food production and consumption, but translates the meaning of these ideas to specific, concrete actions our society can take now. For an argumentative paper that requires research, this is an excellent example to refer to.

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