

**The Shadow Club Response**  
**Type 3 Writing--Blog Post**

Please answer one of the following questions in at least two complete paragraphs. (Note: A paragraph consists of **at least 5** complete sentences. Minimum effort only gets a minimum passing grade.) You may wish to type your answer in a word processing document, but it must be submitted in a blog post. The post is expected to be in the English category with the title of the book in the title of the post. It must have at least 3 tags; one must be The Shadow Club, but the others should be creative based on your response.

Option #1: This story is told by Jared after all of the events have passed. He's telling the story as if we already know some of it, but he's trying to show us how and why it really happened. On several occasions Jared reflects on when he made bad decisions, especially in not listening to his own conscience. He *almost* stops the club several times, but he doesn't. Why do you think he never actually takes steps to stop the events that happen? What do you think was his bigger regret--not listening to his conscience and speaking up or the initial hatred that started the whole thing in the first place? What has he learned from his experiences?

Option #2: When the members of the club are admitting to the "bad" pranks, they ask Jared what he did. He says, "I did the worst thing of all.... It was my idea to start pulling the pranks to begin with." The other members were the ones who took the next step--too far--and didn't admit even to each other that they had. But, Jared was the first to suggest that they had a right to seek some sort of revenge on the "unbeatables". Who do you think did the worse thing? Was Jared right to take the largest share of the blame (was he more guilty or were they)? Do you think he feels it more than the others? why or why not?

Option #3: Jared starts the book by asking us not to hate him when he's done telling his story. He claims they were all really good kid and "[t]hings just got carried away, that's all." Do you think that's true? Are these really good kids who got caught up in the frenzy? Do you hate them or feel sorry for them? Were they rotten before it started but it had been hidden or were they good kids who let the situation lead them down a dangerous path?

FCAs:

1. Complete answer to the questions asked (2 full paragraphs minimum) (5 pts)
2. State an opinion with support from the story (quotes, specific incidents, etc.) (5 pts)
3. Homophone usage (5 pts)

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**Rubric:**

	<b>5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Post Conventions</b>	Good title, English category & 3 working tags	Good title, English category & 3 shaky tags	Missing one item	Missing one item & others shaky	Missing two items	
<b>Complete answer</b>	2+ paragraphs that completely answer ALL of the questions in the given option	2+ paragraphs that touch all of the questions, but may not be quite complete on one	2 paragraphs that miss one question or only glance over all of them	Not quite two paragraphs that don't quite answer all the questions asked	Not quite two paragraphs that miss a whole question	Only one paragraph that misses much of the question asked
<b>Opinion with support from the story</b>	A definite opinion is stated and is supported with MULTIPLE examples, details or quotes from the story	A definite opinion is stated and is supported with a few examples, details or quotes from the story	A definite opinion is stated and is supported with one or two examples or vague references to the story	An opinion is given, although vacillating at times and has some support from the story	An opinion is given, although vacillating at times and has only a little support from the story	No real, decisive opinion is given although it has some support for both sides or an opinion is given without any real support
<b>Homophones</b>	No errors	1 error	2-3 errors	4-5 errors	6-8 errors	9+ errors