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- ❖ **In an essay, it declares what you believe and what you intend to prove.**

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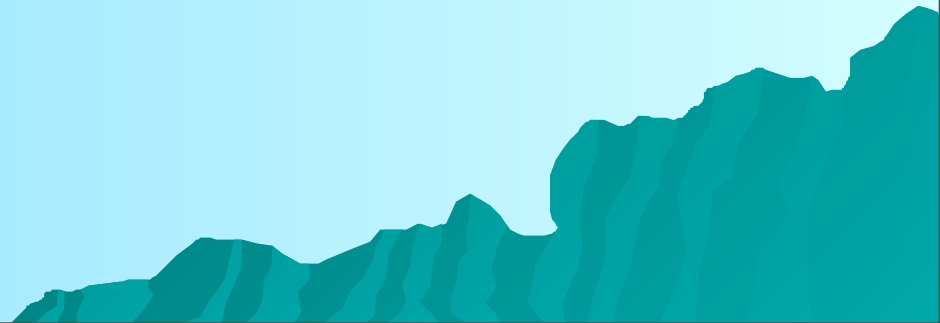
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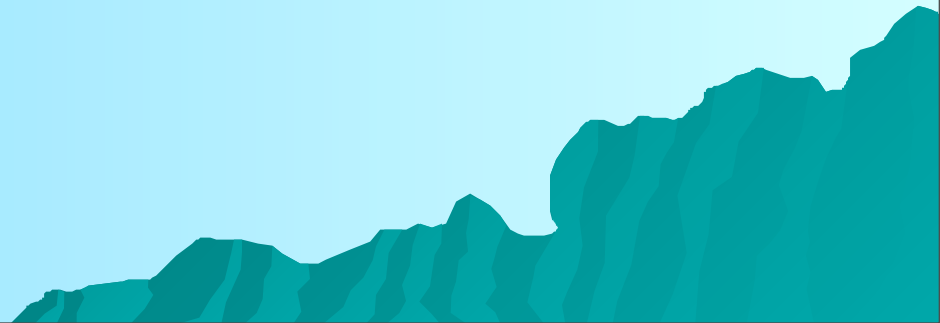
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**A TITLE:** LIVING FOREVER

**Thesis:** The idea of living forever is an important theme in *Tuck Everlasting* because the author uses her characters, the Tucks, to stress the different perspectives of this dilemma.



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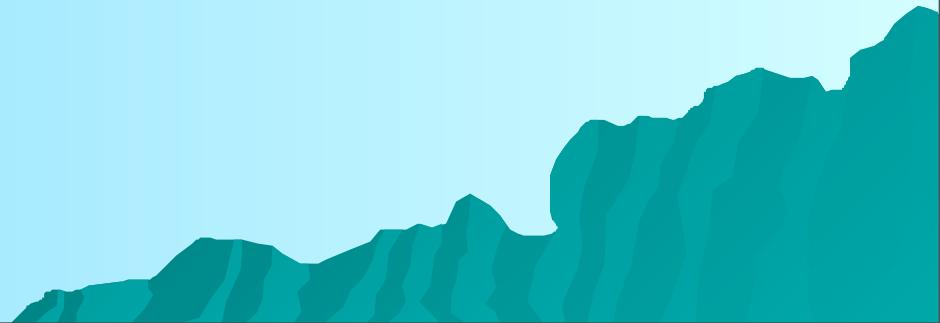
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**Broad:** The Man in the Yellow suit is important to the novel *Tuck Everlasting*.

**Thesis:** The Man in the Yellow suit is important to the novel because his evil presence and plans for the water stress the difference between the Tucks protection of the water.

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**Multiple points:** The themes of change and love are both important themes in the novel, Tuck Everlasting.  
WHY WOULD THIS BE DIFFICULT TO WRITE ABOUT FROM AN ORGANIZATIONAL PERSPECTIVE?

Can you think how to correct it?

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- ◆ Natalie Babbitt uses irony in the novel by showing ex.1 and ex.2 so that the reader learns.....



# YOUR TURN

- ◆ Choose an essay question.
- ◆ Form an opinion. What will you prove?
- ◆ Find the support at least three examples.
- ◆ Create a thesis statement.