

'Bully' deserved an R

In the passage 'Bully' deserved an R, by Tim Winter, Tim discusses about an upcoming film called "Bully" and it's MPAA rating. The documentary film was assigned an R rating and Tim discusses some controversies about this. Tim mentions that "just plain folks denounced the MPAA of assigning the R rating to 'Bully,' and they called for a lower PG-13 rating instead." Tim is in favor of the MPAA's rating and thinks that it is intellectually dishonest and factually bankrupt to give it such other rating. Through out the passage, Tim delivers his main idea that the film was "accurately rated based on the MPAA guidelines." and still provides some of the reasons why others think it should have a lower rating. Tim also takes into consideration the "film's content" in deciding it's rating, and Tim sticks with the conclusion that it does deserve an R rating.

Tim used rhetorical strategies to formulate his passage. After introducing the film's real rating and the rating that the supporters want, Tim poses a rhetorical question of why? Why do the supporters want a lower rating? He then goes on and answers in a simple way using one word, money. Tim then goes into further detail explaining why. Next comes some example of previous successful films such as Schindler's List and Saving Private Ryan. He uses these examples to show that these two successful films received an R rating due to its "content". "Bully" received an R rating also due to it's "content". In the closing paragraph, Tim uses an anecdote to add ethos to his passage. This anecdote shows how connected he is to this film "Bully" given that he was once bullied and lost a friend to suicide after the result of bullying. This plays a major role in the reader's perspective on the story, makes them think twice.