End Stage 3 English – Discussion – Grade A

To Dam Or Not To Dam

The issue of Hoover Dam can be considered from different perspectives. A majority of stakeholders believe that Hoover Dam is a nuisance and is tearing down their community. However, one stakeholder persists that Hoover Dam is a asset not just to the state of Colorado but to 700 000 peoples homes and is a constant reminder to a countries ability to assemble monolithic projects in the midst of adverse conditions. Hoover Dam was built within the Depression. Constructed in the Black Canyon and on the Colorado River in Las Vegas Nevada, America and is located in the northwest of Colorado and southeast Nevada. The Colorado River is the supplier of water to Hoover Dam and coincidently also runs through the dam.

There are many benefits to Hoover Dam and Local Industries support and believe in those advantages. Hoover Dam supplies electricity to three major states in America which are Las Vegas the city of lights, Las Angeles and San Diego and distributes it's electricity to over 700 000 homes. Also Hoover Dam provides tourism and this attracts people to local businesses. Obviously the local industries manufacture goods and sell them to local companies and if there is a high demand for the product by the businesses then not only will the business succeed and make a profit but so will the industry who produce this merchandise. There is currently a loss of land, as a result of this an aspect of the Local Industries i.e. logging. If there is a disappearance of land then there will also be a vanishing of trees and if there are no trees it results into no logging. This coincides with the agriculturists; conversely this is only one aspect of many that represent the Local Industries. In this case although that one sector of the Local Industries is damaged from Hoover Dam the advantages of the dam are more significant than the minor problems.

Though the Local Industries would like to see the continuation of Hoover Dam five major stakeholders would like to view the demise of this particular dam. One of those stakeholders is the Fisherman. Recently 50 new species of fish have been successfully introduced. Also occurring presently is a change of temperature in the water, the reaction; the fish have not adapted well to this, and a drastic reduction of salmon has occurred. We should focus on saving the creatures we have now and then we can look at inducting new genus. There has been a diminution in the number of fish this has been caused by tidal effects in Hoover Dam. Hoover Dam is affecting the fish which results into low catches for these fisherman and if they don’t deliver enough fish to the business they are employed within, consequences occur and it effects the business as well as the fishermen. As you can see it is a chain reaction and Hoover Dam is the source. We cannot afford to endanger any more species than we have and this means going back to the foundation of this dilemma and destroying it also known as Hoover Dam.

Another of the stakeholders who argue with Hoover Dam is the Naturalists and Birdwatchers. In a similar manner to the Fishermen they are too having a decrease in numbers with birds. The short-term implications are not that severe then again, we have to think within long term and do we want all our birds and plants to be extinct? Another environmental issue consuming the Naturalists and Birdwatchers is the fact that native birds are dying because their original habitat is being modified. We need to take into account that if we eliminate Hoover Dam and restore the animals their natural habitat then these problems could be avoided. Do we want to continue losing and losing animals until we realise that we have to do something but it’s too late?

An additional stakeholder who also disputes with Hoover Dam is the Rural Residents. There is heavy traffic, which follows that there are more accidents caused and the drivers are more than likely to receive headaches. Rural residents generally believe that heavy traffic is blocking the highway leading up to and across the dam this has elevated apprehensions about noise and air pollution within
the area; this affect the visitor's experience. Nonetheless, the water from Hoover Dam connects to tropical reservoirs and irrigation networks are typical breeding grounds for mosquitoes, snails, and flies. The vectors can carry malaria, schistosomiasis and river blindness. This is quite hazardous and if we don't find a solution vastly then there will be a deadly cost of our lives and our youth, we cannot risk this. To add to the problems as stated previously there has been a loss of land and this doesn't serve to well with the local residents because there is now less room for homes. All of these actions are detrimental not just to the local citizens but to everyone who even comes in reach of Hoover Dam.

Agriculturists and Aqua culturists have constructed another submission against Hoover Dam. The Agriculturists have seen a loss of land, flora, and fauna and seen the slaughter of the bio and ecosystems. Functions for this reason we need to find a resolution now or else the in the medium term Agriculturists and Aqua culturists we'll see only a minority surviving of animals and in the long term there is a chance they'll be none at all. There has recently been some habitat changes, this, understandably has not seen worthwhile and as said in previous arguments we are losing a large amount of species. Although there are some bad aspects, we have to acknowledge the remuneration. They are finding it easier to grow, food, plants and trees. Nevertheless, that one attribute doesn't make up for all the flaws that Hoover Dam presents.

Finally, the last stakeholder who by no mistake also disagrees with the continuation of Hoover Dam is the Hunters and Trappers. They are losing animals similarly to the Agriculturists and Aqua culturists, Fisherman and Bird watchers and Naturalists have witnessed a loss of land and the fact that their habitat is being wrecked with and they aren't adapting well. However, Hunters and Trappers weren't doing the right actions in the first place and it isn't so much the dam's fault as it is the people, but that doesn't mean that it doesn't contribute to the damage of those animals natural territory. Anyhow, we aren't any better if we continue to destroy these animals to make clothes and food for the community and reap all the benefits. Yet, as stated previously Hoover Dam contributes to the reckoning of the creatures natural habitat. Nonetheless, they are still losing land and the dam is destroying their natural habitat. The Hunters and Trappers will not make any profit if there are no animals and in long term that is the probable outcome. The Hunters and Trappers will try to pin the situation on the dam but in reality that is only a fragment of the problem, it is actually their fault because if they weren't killing animals then part of the dilemma would be solved. The real question is that are we going to put hundreds people out of a job for the solution to the majorities problem? Yes.

In conclusion, electricity is important but it will last a lifetime, how long will animals and plants last. There is already a major loss and unless we take a stand it will further. Even though one stakeholder (Local Industries) is satisfied with Hoover Dam, the majority isn't pleased which is what we have to take into account. Another important issue we have to take into account is about the economical vs. environmental. It is morally and ethically correct to take down Hoover Dam but where is the money going to come from? It's too expensive for the government and the taxpayers aren't willingly going to disburse any money towards the project, so which is more significant our money or our future? Realistically it would be easier to leave the dam and find another resolution. Compelling evidence was brought forward from both sides and all perspectives were looked at, nevertheless, I would have to concur with the statement of not demolishing Hoover Dam, there was significant evidence to support the matter of taking Hoover Dam down but nobody will be willing to pay 40 million dollars for the destruction of a dam but instead use that money to prevent the hurdles that are presenting themselves.

**Grade Commentary**

Courtney has demonstrated an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and the text type. Courtney has included a significant amount of detail and supporting evidence. A very high level of competence is evident in the drafting, revising and editing of the text. Appropriate language features and structures have been used, including complex sentences and creative sentence beginnings.

Courtney's response demonstrates characteristics of work typically produced by a student performing at a grade A standard.