

Franklin Jr./Sr High School Reading Article

Teen Defends Blind Classmate from Bully, Reported Gets Suspended

<http://www.hbindependent.com/news/tn-hbi-me-1001-hbhigh-fight-20150924,0,6003907.story>

Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND WRITE NOTES in the margin box. This requires reading of the article more than once.

Step 1: Skim the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

Step 2: Number the paragraphs. **Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

Notes should include:

- Comments that show that you **understand** the article. A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.
- Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read
- Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

Step 3: A final quick read noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

Your margin notes will be assessed by your teacher along with your answers to the questions.

Huntington Beach police have arrested a Huntington Beach High School student who was involved in an altercation with a visually impaired student Wednesday.

The boy was arrested on suspicion of battery and released to his parents, police said.

Authorities said Thursday that they were working with school officials and students while investigating a fight that occurred at about 12:30 p.m. the day before during the school's lunch break.

A video of the incident that has been widely circulated on the Internet was removed from YouTube on Thursday afternoon. In the video, a boy wearing a beanie punched another boy who police said "has a degree of visual impairment." Seconds later, a third boy knocked the boy wearing the beanie to the ground.

According to police, the two boys involved in the initial altercation have a "history of not getting along." They had an argument before the punch was thrown, police said.

The student's disability does not appear to have been a factor in the incident, police said.

Cody Pines, a 17-year-old junior, said Thursday that he stepped in and knocked the suspect to the ground. He said he has known the visually impaired boy since the sixth grade.

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"I felt like he was getting really hurt and I felt like it was my obligation to go up there and help him," Cody said. "That was my only reaction, to be honest. I didn't mean to hurt the [suspect] intentionally, but I just wanted to make sure my friend was OK."

Cody said he feels bad for the suspect and believes he should not have been arrested.

"I don't think he really deserves that," he said. "I think he made one big mistake and I think everybody's already punished him by telling him [he was wrong]. I really don't want this kid's life to be ruined."

The Huntington Beach Union High School District said in a statement Thursday that "Huntington Beach High School firmly believes that all students are afforded an opportunity to learn in a safe and secure environment. Because of this, safety is the highest priority. Huntington Beach High School has a very strong anti-bullying code of conduct and will not condone this type of behavior from any student."

Police said they do not expect to arrest Cody, and the school district said Friday that he has not been suspended and has attended classes since the incident.

Cody was on Huntington Beach High's football team until the spring, the school district said.

On Friday night, state Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) released a statement praising Cody and saying he was co-authoring an Assembly resolution "to honor his bravery and selflessness."

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Huntington Beach police hotline at (714) 375-5066.

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Comprehension Questions— you may answer in phrases.

1. Describe the significant details of the fight.
2. Did the disability play a role in the fight?
 1. What was Cody's role in this situation?
 2. What was Cody's reaction to the arrest?
3. Describe the superintendent's statement.
4. What was the response from the state Assemblyman Travis Allen regarding the incident?

Answer the following questions in one or more complete sentences.

1. Watch the video segment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kx2FWGTx-Hc> Real newscast

2. Based on what you saw, what is the truth?
3. How do authorities arrive at truth in situations like this?
4. Should cell phone videos be permitted in such cases?

Consider: How can cell recordings show both an accurate and inaccurate picture of what really happened?