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Read the following text and think about what you may say about the issue, and then make an outline first before you start writing:

Two men were put to death last week in the United States for murders that they had been convicted of committing many years ago. Bill Bailey died in the first hanging in Delaware in fifty years. It was twenty years ago that he murdered an elderly couple after breaking into their home. John Taylor, a child rapist and murderer, was shot by a five-man firing squad in Utah.

Polls show that about 70 percent of U.S. citizens favor capital punishment. Many believe that people who commit horrendous crimes deserve to die brutally in return for the brutality that they inflicted on their victims. Others protest the barbarism of the death penalty, be it by lethal injection, electric chair, firing squad, or hanging. While there were many people who supported the two deaths that took place last week, there were also many protesters.

What is your opinion about capital punishment? Do you think capital punishment helps prevent crime? Write an argumentative essay to convince people to accept your opinion whether you are for it or you are against it. Your introduction should give some background information and your stand on the issue. Be sure you have a good thesis statement. The body consists of two or three paragraphs, and each one gives one reason to support your opinion. You may also have a paragraph to introduce a counterargument and then address its limitations. The conclusion paragraph should summarize the state of the issue and restates your thesis.

Your paper will be evaluated for its logical organization, unity, coherence, and grammar.

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