**Stuck in Neutral Ch. 7**

**Writing Response Quiz**

This chapter brings up to very **controversial** issues: the question of whether we should educate individuals who seem to be incapable of learning, and the question of who gets to decide what is best for another individual. Neither of these issues have a clear answer, but people feel very strongly about them.

**Your assignment:** Pick **one** of the prompts below and respond in **at least** **five sentences**. If your response has less than five sentences, you will not get a grade for it!

This assignment is not about whether you are wrong or right because there is no wrong or right. It’s about you making a strong argument and supporting that argument. It’s your job to convince me of what you think!

1. During this chapter, Shawn’s dad claims,

“The fact is that our schools, *your* schools, are paying hundreds of

thousands of dollars a year making sure that who children who simply

*cannot* learn are being ‘taught.’ Why do we *teach* children who cannot

*learn?*”

Do you think every individual deserves to have an education, or do you think some people are simply unable to learn? Why?

2. During this chapter, Shawn’s dad talks about “ending Shawn’s pain.” In response to this Shawn thinks,

“End my pain? It made me mad. What right does he have to decide

what’s best for me? What right does he have to think about ending my

pain?”

Do you think anyone has the right to end someone’s life because they are considered brain-dead, or do you think no one has the right to make that kind of decision for someone else? Why?

**Remember: your job is to PROVE IT!**