**Reflective Essay “An American Crime”**

As a class we recently watched the movie “An American Crime.” This movie presented a very powerful depiction of one of the most horrific child abuse cases ever in the United States. In this essay you will describe your reaction to this movie and real life events that happened to Sylvia Lichen.

In you first paragraph, you should describe how the movie made you feel. Would you recommend this movie to friends or family? Why or why not? Don’t just say you liked it or didn’t like it, use descriptive vocabulary to describe what you feel and explain why.

In you second paragraph, explain how you think it is possible for people to behave like they did toward Sylvia Lichen. Why did the children participate in torturing her? What would you do in this situation? What would you do if you were a child from the neighborhood? What if you were Sylvia or her sister?

Finally, how do you think situations like this can be avoided in the future? How can we make sure that other children are not victims of abuse? There are not any incorrect answers, just ideas for us to share.

Each paragraph should have at least 5 sentences or more if needed. Take your time and write a great paper!!