

Paul's Opening Statement Example

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury,

I, Paul Proteus, am here today to defend my involvement in the Ghost Shirt Society. I believe that humans do have a purpose on this earth and we do exert a force of power that no machine can beat, it will only cover it up. I must admit, I used to think that machines were the answer to our problems and that they made the world a better place. But boy was I wrong. Machines do the complete opposite. They create more problems in our world and they leave us virtually useless. We are no longer required to make necessities for life, things for pleasure, we are no longer able to showcase our creativity, and we cannot even have the pride in saying, "Oh hey, I made that," or "I did that all on my own."

Machines seem to be everywhere all the time, leaving us incapable to do anything for ourselves. Again, this is leaving us to be worthless and we simply just exist, nothing else. I do not know about others, I can only speak for myself, but I love having a purpose in life, I love to have goals that I can work towards and achieve, and I love to take pride in the things that I accomplish. Though, with the machines everywhere we look, it has simply taken away the things that I cherish in life. Different views on machinery broke apart me and my wife, Anita. I have a strong hatred for machines, so I quit my job as manager of Ilium Works, because I knew that there was more to life than that. Though, Anita did not understand where I was coming from, and she left me to go to Shepard.

Machinery has turned loved ones against each other and even friends. Machines cannot do everything that a human can do. Human creativity is simply something that a machine cannot mimic, or even come close to mimicking. Without creativity this world would be flat and in black and white. Creativity adds color and it makes our world 3D. I joined the Ghost Shirt Society to get back the things that we lost when we allowed the machines to take over. By joining this society, my intentions were never to hurt anyone, just to show people how brainwashed they have become to the machines taking over our lives, leaving us in the dust. I had only hoped to make people realize what has happened, in hopes that everyone would begin to turn against the machines, so we can get back to our normal lives were we had a purpose, a mission, and a reason to be on this earth. I hope that you can understand why I did what I did and release all charges made against members of the Ghost Shirt Society. We strived to make this world a better place where we are all irreplaceable and important members of this world that help it go round.