

Response/Review of *Waiting for "Superman"*

As we continue to gather resources to write our big educational paper, I want you to take a moment to absorb the effects of *Waiting for "Superman."* Write 2-3 pages of cohesive response and review of the film, using the four professional responses/reviews as voices in the conversation. This is a first draft level of writing, but it should still be thoughtful and mechanically correct. It is ok if you raise more questions than you answer – this is essentially a pre-writing exercise to help you focus your thinking.

Issues to consider:

1. Propaganda for charter schools
2. Tenure/union issue
3. Conflicts of money, private and public \$
4. Conflicts of leadership – district, state fed
5. Education - widening wage gap
6. Hard to fire bad teachers
7. Oversimplification of issues
8. No address of context – what are the conditions of success and failure
9. Test scores as measurement of success
10. Who decides testing
11. Tracking
12. Govt., laws and school
13. Measuring us against other nations, future benefits – so we can compete economically
14. Urban ed. – charter school is superman
15. Lottery system