Critique of Brittany Warrens' Paper- Slavery and Serfdom

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Brittany Warren starts off by providing a thesis that is not clear from the beginning of the paper where she looks at the difference between slavery and serfdom. She claims that the major difference between the abolition and the two systems was that slavery involved civil war that did not take place under serfdom. She then proceeds to offer a breakdown on the similarities and differences that result from the serfs and the African Americans (Ingram, 1895). The author traces this fact back to the time when African Americans were dehumanized in the American history.

Brittany offers a thorough analysis of the thesis by breaking it down into five paragraphs. The first paragraph is however long and looks like three paragraphs bundled into one. The other paragraphs are good and offers points on the major differences between the Russian and American slavery whereby in America she argues the slaves were handled in a structured manner and in the end turned to be a good addition to the workforce while in Russian Serfdom, the slaves answered to different lordships because lack of a proper structure (Ingram, 1895).

Brittany provides accurate facts and evidences provided are reliable to the case being analyzed. The author also delves deeper and provides opposing views on the differences between the Russia and American systems. She looked into the differences that existed on the manner Americans and Russians handled the slaves and managed issues to do with them.

At the end of the paper she provides a good justification for classifying various differences and origins that help in following through and connecting with the start of the paper. She also restates the thesis but however misses the mark when she talks of every country remembering its history yet her paper was on the comparison of American and Russian slavery.

References

Ingram, J. K. (1895). *A History of Slavery and Serfdom.* New York: Wiley and Sons.