**Brainstorming for Celebrity Essay**

CLAIM: Derek Jeter is a role model.

Term’s Definition: Role Model = inspires others to be great, someone who has a clear set of values, is committed to community, selfless and accepts others for who they are, and has the ability to overcome obstacles [from the Role Model reading])

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| * Dreamed of being a Yankee since the age of 8 and worked towards achieving that dream. (Jeter xviii) * Mowed a football field with a push mower at the age of 10 to learn about overcoming obstacles from his grandfather (Jeter 94)   #1 - Weak   * "I have to say, I can't recall even a single tip or rumor that this guy ever got up to any trouble," Levine says. "I wish I could give you something. There are some athletes we could talk about for hours, about all the horrible and nasty stuff you hear. With Derek Jeter, I've not heard a thing." (Doyel) * "He's obviously one of those rare athletes where I can bring my daughter to a Yankees game and say, 'This is a real hero,'" Levine says. "And I myself am a Mets fan. Certainly if anything ever came across the pike, we would have looked into it. But in 15 years, I've frankly never heard one bad thing about Derek Jeter." (Doyel)   #3 - Strong   * “I’ve always like being a leader who leads by example…I have to tell you that it’s incredibly satisfying to know that you’ve helped someone by being yourself, by simply enjoying life and being a decent person” (Jeter 200).   Conclusion | * Nobody is as perfect as Jeter appears to be – he just hasn’t been caught * He’s a baseball player – good for other baseball players to look up to, or kids who play baseball, but it’s limited to that area and not a role model for EVERYONE to recognize – Ms. Myer-Morss didn’t even know who he was, just that he played for the Yankees   Use to counter the counter (turn it back in my favor)  #2 - Counter |