Engl 1102

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Close Textual Analysis -- PR 4

Quote 1:

Statistical based sentencing is imperfect, but it nonetheless allows evidence to trump folk intuition, and it offers customization in place of the blunt guidelines that the legal system typically employs.

David Eagleman, “The Brain on Trial”

Quote 2:

Many scientists say that the American physiologist Benjamin Libet demonstrated in the 1980s that we have no free will. It was already known that electrical activity builds up in a person’s brain before she, for example, moves her hand; Libet showed that this buildup occurs before the person consciously makes a decision to move. The conscious experience of deciding to act, which we usually associate with free will, appears to be an add-on, a post hoc reconstruction of events that occurs *after* the brain has already set the act in motion.

Stephen Cave, “There’s No Such Thing As Free Will” *Atlantic Monthly*

***For The Assignment:***

***Choose one of the quotes and write a paragraph with a topic sentence, a framing sentence, evidence (2 to 3 words, phrases), and a conclusionary sentence that analyzes and argues. Be sure to dwell in your analysis.***