

What is Power?

Sample TIEDIED Paragraph

(T) Power is the ability to get other people to do what you want, even if it goes against their self-interest. **(I)** *Power exists in this way on a societal or systemic level.* **(E)** People who have power because they are decision makers, for example, can use their status and privilege as a threat to others. Harvey Weinstein was a movie producer who would pressure actresses to have sex with him, because he controlled the fate of their acting future. **(D)** When we let certain people gain power over others in industries like this, they can hurt those that are trying to make a living. **(I)** *Power also works in this way on a more individual, or personal levels too.* **(E)** Violence-or the threat of violence- can be used by individuals to get what they want. An obvious example of this is in a robbery or mugging. **(D)** Without the use of violence, people would not just give away their things to someone else for free. It's because the person using violence now has more power that the other person feels they have to do what they say.