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FCA #1- Point-by-Point or Block Method (10 pts)

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America Isn't Doomed, Pull it Together.

Is it possible that people could be separated by standards of beauty? Tally Youngblood, an Ugly, is. In her society, people are segregated and split up into Ugliers (Ugly people) or Pretties (People after they have intense plastic surgery.) She is torn between betraying her friend Shay, to become pretty, an operation that changes lives, or staying loyal and being ugly forever. Tally has to face immense danger to try and help her friends, while also avoiding Special Circumstance. In the book *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld, the Ugliers' Dystopian society and modern American society have many similarities, but they are different from each other due the unmatched structures of government, standards of beauty (Ugliers and Pretties), and the difference in everyday technology.

First off, modern American society has a democratic government, while the Ugliers Dystopian society is ruled by one group: The Special Circumstance, a totalitarian government. The Special Circumstance controls the Pretties and the Ugliers throughout

the society. In one part of the book, Dr. Cable, the woman who runs Special Circumstance, wants Tally to find Shay and betray the Smoke. Dr. Cable says, "If you don't agree right now, I'll find someone else. And you'll be ugly forever" (Westerfeld 130). In this scene Dr. Cable is practically forcing Tally to go after her friend. Dr. Cable is demonstrating her power over Tally in this particular part of the book by forcing her to be a spy on the Smokies. Yes, American society and the Ugliers society are both ruled, but they have different setups of power. The Ugliers are controlled by one group (Totalitarian government), while the American society has three branches of government to balance out power (A form of a democracy). While the Ugliers society and modern American society have different power arrangement, they also are different based off of their beauty standards.

The Ugliers society is segregated by looks and beauty, while American society is not separated into towns based on what people look like. When Tally was out pulling an Ugly prank, she was spotted by two pretties. They were horrified, because they had only seen pretties. "Isn't she...ugly?" (Westerfeld 23). The pretties that spotted her were so petrified by how ugly her face was because to them, her face was extremely gruesome and not what they were used too. Some parts of American society today do discriminate against race and skin color, but not on beauty in general, for example, face features and perfect skin texture, like they do in Ugliers. The Ugliers society also does need advanced technology to perform all this plastic surgery to make a difference between Ugliers and Pretties.

One of the biggest and most obvious reasons the Uglies Dystopian society and modern American society are different is because of the very distinct difference in technology. Uglies have superb technology, probably some that people in America won't ever see in their lifetime. For example, Dr. Cable sent Tally off to find Shay in the Smoke with advanced equipment: "The finder will only respond to your eye-print, Tally. Once it's activated, we'll be there within a few hours." (Westerfeld 130). This is a demonstration of how powerful Uglies technology can be, and modern American technology today is nowhere near as advanced as it is in Uglies. Modern Americans do have devices like voice-activated speakers and Siri on phones, but none of those compete with hoverboards, toothbrush pills, and eye-print activated trackers. Facts and reasons done, let's get down to the main point.

Once again, Uglies and American society are different because of beauty features and standards, the difference in technology, and the unlike forms of government (Totalitarian in Uglies and democracy in America). America is not separated into specific towns based on beauty, uglies technology is far more high-tech than modern American gadgets today, and the Uglies government is ruled by totalitarianism (One leader in charge) and here in America there is a democracy (America votes to choose leaders). Don't panic, America doesn't have a fate for Dystopian path because the Uglies and America are much more different than similar.