

Balanced Argument

In the 1840s in Ireland the famine started and the O'Driscoll family are having dreadful times. Millions of people are dying leaving Ireland due to the potato blight. Their mother went to go look for dad and the children are faced with a terrible decision whether or not they should go to the workhouse.

On the one hand, they would have somewhere at least to sleep because the workhouse is huge and held a lot of people. On the other hand, they could be living with nasty, dangerous strangers.

Some people say, they would be close if mum and dad came back because the workhouse is close and mum and dad will go there. Other people say, they'll get segregated/split up.

However, they'll have shelter because there is a roof over their head. Although, they might die there.

Finally, they'll get fed daily at least because you get meals in the workhouse but you have to do chores. However, they would have to eat in complete silence because there are lots of stricken rules.

I believe there are reasons for and against. I believe that they should go to the workhouse to get fed daily and to get shelter.

