

The Movie: Contact

Short Reflective Essay

Paragraph 1: Ellie and Palmer have opposing ways of understanding their existence in the universe. Describe both Ellie and Palmer's perspectives. Make sure to include how they came to their conclusions.

Paragraph 2: Discuss Palmer's belief that Ellie should not represent the Earth as an ambassador to other worlds because she did not believe in God. Do you feel this was a fair decision? Why or why not? Support your opinion.

Paragraph 3: Ellie and Palmer disagree fundamentally in how they understand life and our place in the universe, yet they still respect each other's viewpoints. Do you think one person can have both a scientific and a religious perspective? Explain.