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Read the following short story “The Devil and the Innkeeper” by Robert Louis Stevenson and write an essay to express your opinion on what the author tries to tell the reader. You have 90 minutes to write this essay. Your essay should have at least 300 words and contain reasons that support your arguments. (100 %)

*The Devil and the Innkeeper*

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Once upon a time the devil stayed at an inn, where no one knew him, for they were people whose education had been neglected. He was bent on mischief, and for a time kept everybody by the ears. But at last the innkeeper set a watch upon the devil and took him in the fact.

The innkeeper got a rope's end.

“Now I am going to thrash you,” said the innkeeper.

“You have no right to be angry with me,” said the devil. “I am only the devil, and it is my nature to do wrong.”

“Is that so?” asked the innkeeper.

“Fact, I assure you,” said the devil.

“You really cannot help doing ill?” asked the innkeeper.

“Not in the smallest,” said the devil; “it would be useless cruelty to thrash a thing like me.”

“It would indeed,” said the innkeeper.

And he made a noose and hanged the devil.

“There!” said the innkeeper.