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Evaluation Debate

Directions: Read the passage carefully. After reading, answer the **Evaluative question** provided. Then, imagine you are in a **classroom debate**. Write a short defense (2-3 sentences) to support your answer. Be prepared to share your defense with classmates and respond respectfully to different opinions.

During the town's annual harvest fair, a pie-baking contest drew a huge crowd. Bakers from all over the region brought their best recipes, from apple and cherry to pumpkin and pecan. Emma, the youngest contestant, entered with her grandmother's secret blueberry pie recipe.

The judges took their time tasting each entry, carefully scoring on flavor, texture, and presentation. When they finally announced the results, Emma came in second place, just behind a well-known professional baker. Though she didn't win first prize, Emma felt proud of carrying on her grandmother's tradition and sharing it with others. Many in the audience said her pie was their personal favorite, and Emma left the fair smiling.

Evaluative Question: Do you think Emma's second-place result was just as valuable as winning first place? Why or why not?

1. **Write your answer here:**

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2. **Write your defense (2-3 sentences) to explain your reasoning:**

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