

Final Exam Study Guide
ELA 8-Moss

Brainstorm for the following essay topic:
How Has Reading Changed You?

Think about what we've read this year: The Giver novel by Lois Lowry, part of The Odyssey by Homer, Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt, and short stories. Choose use *at least* one piece of literature or more from class to focus on. Write about the theme of that piece. What lesson did you learn from that piece that you can apply to your life? How can literature shape you as a person? Incorporate at least three pieces of textual evidence into your written response. You must cite your source, quote evidence correctly, and use page numbers.

This essay will be at five paragraphs in length. Proofread for spelling and grammar errors. Use punctuation correctly. Demonstrate an understanding of connecting to literature.

Review the concepts:

Theme

Thesis

Writing Process

Commentary

Textual Evidence

Protagonist

Vivid language

Pauses

Gestures

Quotes

Animation

Tutorial