



Alternative Assignment for Optional Summer Reading

Dear Student,

I am sorry that you weren't able to make it to any of the summer reading discussion group dates that occurred at the Haledon Public Library. Nonetheless, if you read any of the optional summer reading books you **will still have the opportunity** to earn the **extra credit** should you choose to complete the alternative assessment project. Here is what you will need to do.....

Expository writing is a type of writing that asks the writer to **make connections** between **the literature that they have read** (The book you read this summer) and **other texts they have read, events that have occurred in history, or personal experiences that they have had.** The PSAT, SAT, and the upcoming PARCC tests will require that students show proficiency in this type of writing. For your assignment, pick **one important theme that you think played an integral role in the book that you read.** Once you have established your theme please complete the following.

Paragraph One: Write one paragraph explaining what the theme is, why the theme is important, and how the theme was portrayed in the book that you read.

Paragraph Two: Explain how this was portrayed in another book/story/article/play/screenplay that you have read. Explain how the same theme was presented by the author in ways that are both alike and different from the novel you read for summer reading.

Paragraph Three: Explain how the theme of your summer reading book is also a theme that was present during a historical event. The historical event can be from any part of history, and it can even be a current of ongoing event.

Paragraph Four: Explain how the theme of your summer reading book is a theme that you can personally relate to. Discuss how the theme relates to events in your life, or events that have occurred in the life of those that are closet to you.

Paragraph Five: Conclude your essay by explaining the theme that you choose and discussing why that theme was such an important theme in your book. Next, restate to your audience how that theme was present in a book/story/article/play/screenplay that you read, a historical event you are familiar with, and a real life situation that you experienced. Lastly, state why you believe it is important that your adults familiarize themselves with the theme that you selected.

The assignment must be turned in to your English teacher no later than Friday, September 7, 2018. Please email me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thanks,

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