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Tuck Everlasting Essays

Your *Tuck Everlasting* writing assignment will be completed in class. You may select your assignment from those listed below. You will be given class time to write the rough draft. You will also be given class time to properly edit and revise your work before typing the final draft in the library. Read the assignments and choose the one you feel you could best answer.

EXPOSITORY/INFORMATIVE WRITING PROMPTS – Remember expository essays, explain something to the reader. Your “explanation” should include an answer to the question. This is your thesis statement. Follow the graphic organizer for an expository paragraph and review the rubric for this essay before beginning.

YOU MAY SELECT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAY TOPICS: BE SURE YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED YOUR ESSAY TOPIC BY MONDAY, MAR. 3rd.

- a. Explain the **motif** of the wheel by using specific examples (quotes) from the story. How does it reoccur and what is the purpose of the motif? You should include at least three-four examples of the motif in the noivel and develop a response of at least three paragraphs.
- b. Is Winnie a **dynamic or a static** character? Explain what you believe to be the answer using support from the novel to support your answer. Be sure to include the definition of your dynamic and static characters.
- c. The Tucks are immortal. The characters in the story react differently to their plight. **Compare and contrast** two characters outlook on their blessing/curse of living forever. Select either Mae/Tuck or Jesse/Miles to compare and contrast. Why does Babbitt show the characters as opposites in their views on everlasting life?

Your compare/contrast essay should include an introductory paragraph, one paragraph describing one character’s outlook on living forever, one paragraph describing the other character’s outlook on living forever and a concluding paragraph.

- d. **The frog** appears throughout the story. The frog is Winnie’s first friend and then appears at the end of the story when Winnie lets it go. Consider the idea that frogs experience a metamorphosis or change in their lifespan. Why might Babbitt have selected the frog as a reoccurring presence in the story? What does the toad represent? Use examples from the story to support your answer.

NOTE: The above responses should be written in the format of an expository/informative essay. You should include a clear topic sentence which includes the title of the book and the author’s name. You should interest the reader in the topic and create a thesis statement that answers the question. You should have a body paragraph or two (you must have two in the case of the compare/contrast essay) and finish with a concluding paragraph that restates your thesis and finishes the essay with clarity.

TAKE YOUR TIME IN CONSIDERING WHAT WRITING ASSIGNMENT YOU WILL WANT TO COMPLETE. I WILL HELP YOU WITH GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS AND ROUGH DRAFTS IN CLASS.

WE WILL TALK ABOUT THESIS STATEMENTS AND WORK TO DEVELOP A STRONG THESIS IN CLASS.

YOUR ROUGH DRAFT AND FINAL DRAFT WILL BE COMPLETED IN CLASS, BUT I WILL ALLOW TIME AT HOME TO BRAINSTORM YOUR TOPIC AND TO GATHER QUOTES TO SUPPORT YOUR WRITING.