

NBE3U: Essay Prompt

Choose to write an essay on ONE of the following prompts:

1. Explore the ONE lesson that Richard Wagamese teaches about the impact that the loss of sovereignty has had on Ojibway communities in Canada. Explore three conflicts that arise in the novel as a result of the loss of sovereignty and the ONE lesson learned through all three examples.

OR

2. What does Richard Wagamese teach about the complexities of identity formation? Using specific references to three characters in the text, discuss ONE specific lesson that all three characters teach about the formation of one's identity.

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH

Lead: 1-3 sentences to provide the context that your reader needs to know in order to fully understand your central argument (example: give your understanding of sovereignty or identity with reference to historical or cultural context)

Link: One sentence to introduce your text as it relates to your topic. May include author/title..

Thesis: Clearly states the argument or position in one sentence. State the title of the work in the thesis if not mentioned in the link. Remember the 4Ss of thesis writing: specific, singular, significant, supportable. (Could be CAUSE/EFFECT).

Plan of Development: List the three subtopics you will use to prove this

BODY PARAGRAPH #1

Name: _____

Topic Sentence: Introduce the first subtopic and how it relates to your thesis

Point: Introduce your first example as it relates to your thesis. State the example in your own words, establishing context for the quote.

Proof: State the quote using proper MLA format. Lead in or INTEGRATE the quote.

Comment: EXPLAIN how the quote supports your thesis (2-3 sentences). Analyse the specific element of character development, the connotative message (this makes the reader think), and how this proves the thesis (this is significant because)

TRANSITION: A connecting word or phrase to move to your second example.

Point:

Proof:

Comment:

Conclude: Back to thesis and world if needed

BODY PARAGRAPH #2

Name: _____

Topic Sentence:
Point:
Proof:
Comment:
TRANSITION: A connecting word or phrase to move to your second example.
Point:
Proof:
Comment:
Conclude: Back to thesis

BODY PARAGRAPH #3

Name: _____

Topic Sentence:
Point:
Proof:
Comment:
TRANSITION: A connecting word or phrase to move to your second example.
Point:
Proof:
Comment:
Conclude: Back to thesis

CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH:

Name:

Restate Thesis: Include the title and the author's name.

Summarize your subtopics: In one statement or three separate statements.

Closing Statement/Final Thought/Clincher: Make it significant, interesting and something for the reader to think about in connection with the overall topic (i.e. build off the lead). Do not leave with a question.