***The Marrow Thieves* Final Essay**

Now that we have read the book, *The Marrow Thieves*, we are going to write an essay based on **one** of the following critical thinking questions. You must have a thesis, and evidence to support that thesis while answering the overall question you have chosen. You must keep track of all sources used, and you must make references to the novel.

**Essay Topic Options**

1. What can a novel about an undesirable future tell us or emphasize about the world we live in today?
2. The theme of dreamers is a major theme in this novel, and it is reflected in this quote: “And I understood that as long as there are dreamers left, there will never be want for a dream” (p. 231). Who are the dreamers of today? What are their dreams?
3. *The Marrow Thieves* explores the idea that our physical bodies serve as a storage for our memories. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the human body?
4. How is the future depicted in *The Marrow Thieves* informed by the actual history of Indigenous peoples in North America?
5. What comparisons can you make between the novel and the world we live in?
6. Propose your own question.

**Requirements**

* **2** pages minimum
* Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced
* Must follow essay structure: introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion
* Needs a clear thesis statement to guide the essay
* Use evidence from the text (quotes) and outside sources to support your argument
* Keep track of all sources in a **bibliography** and **cite** your sources for your evidence in the essay.
* Use MLA formatting for citations/bibliography (including *The Marrow Thieves*)
* Must include a title that relates to the topic of your essay. (Title cannot be Essay)
* Follow the basic formatting guide on the back of this page.

**Assessment**

* You will be assessed based on a rubric. The rubric will look at structure, content, and evidence. It will also look at the mechanics.
* Grammar and spelling do count.
* Don’t forget to cite your sources lest you be in danger of plagiarism.

**Due Date:**

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Example of MLA Formatting for Essays

In MLA formatting, you must double space and use a font like Times New Roman, which is the requirement for this essay, and use 12-point font. Your margins should be 1 inch all the way around. In MLA formatted essays, you must do a tab at the beginning of your paragraphs and you can do this by hitting the space bar five times or the tab button once. Do not make a title page. Another thing that MLA asks you to do is to create a header with the page number and your last name in the upper right-hand corner of your essay. Ask for help if you aren’t sure how to do this. When it comes to formatting titles, you should use italics for the names of books, movies, and other longer works. Articles, poems, and other shorter works’ titles should go in quotation marks.

In the upper left-hand corner of your paper, you need to put your name, your instructor’s name, the course and the date. Don’t forget to double-space. Something that will be strange for you is that MLA asks you *not* to underline, put in quotation marks, or italicize your title. They simply want you to make it centred on the first page of the essay. Sometimes you will be required to cite your sources within the text. You can do this in one of two ways: simply putting the page number if the name of the author is mentioned (263), or if the author’s name isn’t mentioned putting their last name and the page number (Smith 263). In-text citations go within the end punctuation, but outside of quotation marks.

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