

First Draft: English 101 Essay #1 – “My Dungeon Shook: Letter to My Nephew”

Due Oct 9 by 8am **Points** 0

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Audience:

An academic audience with little to know understanding of the topic.

Writing Style:

Expository, Analysis

Purpose:

The purpose of reflective writing is to help you learn from a particular practical experience. It will help you to make connections between what you are taught in theory and what you need to do in practice. You reflect so that you can learn.

Background:

Reflective writing gives you the chance think about what you are doing more deeply and to learn from your experience. You have the opportunity to discover how what you are taught in class helps you with your real-world or academic tasks. Writing your thoughts down makes it easier for you to think about them and make connections between what you are thinking, what you are being taught and what you are doing. Your written reflection will also serve as a source of reference and evidence in the future.

Assignment:

Consider Baldwin's solution to the problem of racism and think about how this solution could be extrapolated to deal with other issues of oppression people may face in society. In your opinion, does Baldwin's letter contain useful advice for protecting ones self-worth? Explain your answer, citing details from Baldwin's letter.

Make sure to include your thoughts on his use of repetition and paradox to make his point.

Structure:

Your Essay must be written in MLA format; please see CANVAS for more information. It must be 2-3 pages in length, typed, double spaced, and be written in 12-point Times New Roman font.

Reflective Essay Rubric

Criteria	Ratings				Pts
Focus	50.0 pts Advanced Responds to a text, shows strong emphasis on reflection, shows evidence of comprehension of reading material, shows thorough thoughtfulness about the reading material and does not merely summarize points made in the reading.	43.0 pts Proficient Some reflection on text but has emphasis on summary, shows evidence of comprehension of reading material, shows some thoughtfulness about the reading material	37.0 pts Basic Includes more summary, little reflection, shows little evidence of comprehension of reading material, shows little thoughtfulness about the reading material and often merely summarizes points made in the reading.	27.0 pts Below Basic Little or no reflection, shows no evidence of comprehension of reading material, shows no thoughtfulness about the reading material and merely summarizes points made in the reading.	50.0 pts
Details as Support	50.0 pts Advanced Uses specific examples from the text to support reflection, uses at least one quotation from the text and explains how it supports assertion, has supporting details and examples that demonstrate making meaningful connections, either drawn from readings, in-class work, or personal experience.	43.0 pts Proficient Uses specific examples as support, does not use quotations as support, has some supporting details and examples, but they are not necessarily wellconnected to the reading.	37.0 pts Basic Needs support with specific examples, has few details or examples, but they are not necessarily well-connected to the reading.	27.0 pts Below Basic Reflection has no details or examples	50.0 pts
Organization/ Format	50.0 pts Advanced Three pages written consisting of 4-6 paragraphs, heading/header includes: date, text (s) read for the reflection.	43.0 pts Proficient 1 3/4 pages written consisting of 2-4 paragraphs, heading/header is missing one component	37.0 pts Basic 1 page written consisting of 1-2 paragraphs, heading/header is missing 2 components	27.0 pts Below Basic Less than 1 page written, missing heading/header	50.0 pts
Sentence Fluency	25.0 pts Advanced Sentences are clear, complete, and of varying lengths. Transitions are used at the beginning of paragraphs.	22.0 pts Proficient Well constructed sentences.	19.0 pts Basic Awkward sentence construction, runons, or fragments. No transitions used.	16.0 pts Below Basic Run-on sentences or fragments make reflections hard to read	25.0 pts

Criteria	Ratings				Pts
Conventions	25.0 pts Advanced Uses correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling; neat and legible	22.0 pts Proficient Has a few errors to correct, but generally uses accepted conventions	19.0 pts Basic Enough errors to distract reader	15.0 pts Below Basics Numerous errors, illegible	25.0 pts
					Total Points: 200.0