

English 1301 Final Exam
The Hate You Give

Choose ONE of the following questions to write a 5 paragraph essay response to (introduction, three body paragraphs, and conclusion). You will need to cite the movie (in text and work cited). The total word count needs to be 500-700 words.

1. In navigating issues of race relations, Starr has the ability to speak from a variety of perspectives: as a young black girl living in a tough urban setting, as a student in a suburban and predominantly white school, and as the niece of a police officer. How did Starr's ability to know different environments and points of view complicate her situation even more? Is her variety of perspectives a blessing or a curse?
For example: Starr intentionally speaks differently when she is at home with her urban black friends as opposed to when she is at school with her suburban white prep school friends.
2. The film begins with Starr flashing back to a talk with her parents about what precautions to take when encountering a police officer. Have you had a similar conversation about what to do when stopped by the police? Reflect upon or imagine this conversation and describe the importance of it in today's social and political environment. What racial issues do we see in the film that we also see in our real lives, day to day, be it on the news or in our own personal lives?
3. At the police station after Starr details the events leading up to the shooting, the detective shifts her focus to Khalil's past. Why do you think the detective did this? Discuss Starr's reaction to this "bait". Discuss the way that Khalil is portrayed by the media. How does Starr work to counteract this media portrayal? How do we see unarmed victims of police involved shootings represented in the media in our own news?
4. As Starr and Khalil listen to Tupac, Khalil explains what Tupac said "Thug Life" meant. Discuss the meaning of the term "Thug Life" as an acronym and why the author might have chosen part of this as the title of the book. In what ways do you see this in the movie? In what ways do you see this in society today?
5. One of the themes in Thomas' book is "voice as a weapon for change." Starr is encouraged to speak out and use her voice to fight for Khalil and justice. Starr pledges to "never be quiet". Reflect on how Starr and her family and community discuss and address inequality. How can you use your voice to promote and advance social justice?

Remember to use all steps of the writing process: Pre writing, drafting, revision, and editing. Also, be sure to use the five paragraph essay format with a CLEAR three key point thesis statement. Both in text and reference citations are required.

Good luck!