

FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER ON ASSIGNMENT 2 LITERARY PROSE 2 SEM 2022

Dear students

Here follows a short feedback letter on your second assignment. I am not going to say anything about plagiarism as you already know what it is and how you should avoid it.

There were only 3 cases of plagiarism with one similarity indicator detected by Turnitin at 82%!!!

QUESTION 1 (35 MARKS)

In a well-considered essay of 450-500 words discuss the following statement:

The moral voice of To Kill a Mockingbird is embodied by Atticus Finch, who is virtually unique in the novel in that he has experienced and understood evil without losing his faith in the human capacity for goodness.

Most students did well in this question and were able to show that Atticus is a true role model for Jem and Scout. He has a hands-off parenting style and gets involved directly as needed. He allows a black woman Calpurnia to run his household and look after his children. Early on he reprimands his children for playing their "Boo-Radley game" and teaches them respect. He tells Scout to always put yourself in someone else's shoes and not judge.

He teaches his children to understand others- the lesson with Mrs Dubose. She was brave despite her racist attitude etc

The court case -defends Tom Robinson although he knows he will lose

He does this because it is the right thing to do

Incident of the rabid dog

His lessons to his children about the Mockingbird

These issues should form the core of your answer.

QUESTION 2 (35 MARKS)

One of the key themes in Ngugi's The River Between is the change brought about by colonialism and the accompanying division and culture conflict.

In a well considered essay of 400-450 words comment on this statement using numerous references from the text.

It seems as if some students have not read the book. Many wrote weird stuff that has no relation to the novel. Unfortunately many students copied extensively from sources they did not acknowledge = plagiarism

The essence of your answer is that the white settlers/colonialists brought Christianity to Kenia. This caused a rift between the traditionalists and the new converts under the missionary Livingstone and the preacher Joshua.

The Christians saw the traditional Gicuyu as primitive and looked down upon their ritual of female circumcision.

Joshua has a peculiar and unchristian brand of Christianity! Disowns Muthoni after she becomes circumcised and dies of infection. Joshua's followers see this as punishment and the traditionalists suspect the Christians

-Discuss Waiyaki's views and his dilemma

He is for progress and builds schools but also understands the traditional culture

- The Kiama and the revenge of his enemies etc

This is quite a simple book to follow, although the subject is profound. Please refer to the section on Mynust called "documents" and read the notes there on The River Between

Good luck with the exams

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