

Practice Essay for *Out of the Silent Planet*

First, choose one of the following quotes from your novel to respond to. Copy it to your essay page.

- “Instead [of a change], the lifelong self-control of social man, the virtues which are half hypocrisy or the hypocrisy which is half a virtue, came back to him and he soon found himself answering Weston in a voice not shamefully tremulous” (28).
- “You cannot see things until you know roughly what they are” (43).
- “A pleasure is full grown only when it is remembered....What you call remembering is the last part of the pleasure....You say you have poets in your world. Do they not teach you this?” (74).
- “I do not think the forest would be so bright, nor the water so warm, nor love so sweet, if there were no danger in the lakes” (76).

Second, write an essay, considering the following prompt: *What did this quotation mean in the context of the novel, and how does this idea apply to life today?* You will need at least four paragraphs for this essay.

Third, be sure to employ commas in at least two of the fifteen ways possible (per your comma handout). Circle places for two **different** comma uses of the comma.