

Lit. Sci. I : Essay 4

You have now read To Your Scattered Bodies Go by Philip Jose Farmer. In this and the following books, Farmer has the opportunity to choose his favorite characters from among everyone who has ever lived. His characters go off to search others who they knew or would like to know. If you were traveling through Riverworld, for whom would you be looking out of everyone who has ever lived? Write an six paragraph essay choosing at least four people who you would be looking for if you were traveling through Riverworld. Be sure to explain who these people are and why you would want to meet up with them. They can be people you have never met, but they must be real people, so you can't choose Harry Potter. As there aren't animals in Riverworld, you also can't choose your pet. Consider your choice in light of what you now know about the origin of Riverworld and of what use or interest these people would be to you. If you explain this well, the essay will tell a lot about these four people and you.

*Be sure to introduce the topic in the first paragraph. This paragraph should include information about what Riverworld and the situation you are in. You should explain what types of things you would be looking for in the people you would be seeking. It should end with a **Thesis Statement** that explains the main point of your essay: the four people you would choose.

*Each body paragraph should discuss one of the four people for whom you would be looking. They must be real or at least presumably real people whether famous or not. In other words, fictional characters (Wonder Woman, Harry Potter) don't count, although legendary characters who may have existed (like Odysseus in the book) are okay. Check with me if you are not sure about the difference. Explain who the person is and why (in detail) you would want to find that person.

*In the final paragraph, summarize the qualities you would be looking for and how the characters you are trying to assemble would get along. If you could assemble this group, would you be happier in Riverworld than you are here and now? Explain.

(This is a big essay, but if you are caught up, you will have two weeks to work on it and a week to work on revising. It requires no research, just thought.)

The rough draft must be in on Wednesday, October 30.

The final draft of this essay must be in by Wednesday, November 6.

See me ahead of time if you need help.