

Trials 3: Essay Three – Starr

You have now read the first nine chapters (at least) of The Hate U Give and know Starr pretty well. Rather than a typical literary analysis essay, I want you each to think about how what you deal with as a teen is both like and unlike what Starr deal with. Each of us is an individual, and each of us has things in common if we look for them, and it's important to be aware of both as it's hard to connect with and empathize with people if you don't think you have anything in common, and it's harder to respect people if you don't see them as unique individuals. The assignment is to write about ways that you identify with Starr through roughly similar experiences or feelings and how you feel Starr's experience is unique from your own. Include specific details to support your statements as well as quotations from the book.

* Begin the essay by **introducing Starr's life in The Hate U Give**. You want to focus on aspects of her life that will be relevant to the essay, but you could also include anything crucial to the plot that isn't as relevant to the essay. Be sure to provide the title and author of the book in the introduction (as always). In the last sentence of this paragraph, **THE THESIS STATEMENT**, **state the way that your experience connects with Starr and the way Starr's experience is very different from yours that you will then detail in the body paragraphs.**

* In the **first body paragraph**, discuss a significant way in which your life experience or feelings connect with Starr's. Explain about Starr's situation, using at least one quotation from the book that is evidence of it, and then explain how your experience or feelings are similar. When you use an example or a quotation, be sure to comment fully on it and include notes after quotations or specific facts from the article. **Be sure to use parenthetical notes with quotations or facts from the book.** Be sure to **sum up the main point of the paragraph in the last sentence.**

* In the **second body paragraph**, discuss a significant way in which your life experience or feelings are not parallel to or similar to Starr's. Explain about Starr's situation, using at least one quotation from the book that is evidence of it, and then explain how your experience or feelings are different or don't run parallel. When you use an example or a quotation, be sure to comment fully on it and include notes after quotations or specific facts from the article. **Be sure to use parenthetical notes with quotations or facts from the book.** Be sure to **sum up the main point of the paragraph in the last sentence.**

* In the final paragraph, **summarize the main points of the two body paragraphs: your similarities and differences with Starr.** Discuss the factors that you think have led to these similarities and differences. Among these could be race, gender, age, socio-economic class, family, type of school and many other factors, but it will require some thought.

There will be no paragraphs with fewer than six sentences.

I'm happy to discuss this with you *before* it's due.

Be sure that both body paragraphs contain specific examples that are explained thoroughly and that there are quotes with notes from the article.

Due: Wednesday, April 12

Revision Due: Wednesday, April 26