

Nothing But the Truth:
Final Writing Assignment

What might have happened in the novel if one of the characters had been courageous enough to tell the full truth in a clear, unbiased manner? Here is your chance to set the record straight. For your final assignment, you will be creating a document that ends the novel. In this document, you will be presenting the TRUTH!

Possible documents:

- A Letter to the Editor of the *Manchester Record* written by one of the students who witnessed the event in Miss Narwin's class
- One of Philip's diary entries
- A memo written by someone in the school administration
- Newspaper report written by Jennifer Stewart or, perhaps, the article that Robert Duval, from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, wrote but was never printed.
- A letter written by one of Philip's classmates to the newspaper or to an administrator
- Any other format you think would work as a final document in the novel.

Format your document to match the type of document you selected. If it is a newspaper, you need a headline. If you chose a memo, then look at how all the other Harrison School District memos were formatted.

Be sure to write in the voice and style of the document you selected. If you're writing as Philip would in his diary, then put yourself in Philip's shoes and write with his voice. If you're a reporter, write with the voice of a journalist covering the Five W's (Who?, What?, When?, Where?, and Why?). If you write from Mr. Lunser's point of view, then say some funny things along with the clear truth. You get the idea.

Be sure to include the date and time in the same way the documents in the novel were formatted. The goal is to be unbiased and fair in your presentation of the truth.

Your document must be a minimum of 500 words, typed, 1.5 spacing, in an 11 or 12 pt. font. Due by Monday, October 30th. Please print at home.