

Socratic Seminar Makeup Assignment (if you missed BOTH days)

Answer the following question in a concise, AP-style essay (40 minutes or less). Only answer one of the questions addressed in the topic.

DWS: Stanley tells Ben that "hope's a white word." If so, why did so many black Africans struggle so long for equality? Do you think that hope is "white" by the end of the novel? Consider that in the light of this quote: "Whether I like it or not, whether I like cursing my own condition or not- and that would only serve to confirm my impotence- I am white. This is the small, final, terrifying truth of my broken world. I am white" (304). Is hope a "white word" in other novels we have read this term? Explain hope in terms of an African experience (white or black).