

AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

micropaper 1

Melvin Rogers and Lester Spence disagree over whether Ta-Nehisi Coates is, to use Spence's terms, a pessimist or a realist. Whose interpretation is **more persuasive**? If you disagree with both accounts, explain why and develop an alternative reading of Coates.

You must defend your position by evaluating the arguments of Rogers *and* Spence through close textual analysis of *Between the World and Me*. Be sure to elucidate what Coates, Rogers, and Spence mean by terms like "realism," "pessimism," "hope," and "despair."

DETAILS

600 words is a strict limit (citation information excluded).

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