

ESSAY: FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER

DUE DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 29

TOPICS:

1. Trace the development of the protagonist Daunis Fontaine throughout the novel. By the end of this essay, your reader should have a complete sense of who Daunis Fontaine is and what she is all about. Hint: consider using key adjectives to best describe her personality, examine her values, explore revelations of her inner state and show how she changes or grows.
2. Select a significant theme in this novel and trace the development of this theme throughout the novel. Make sure that you provide evidence and critically reflect on the evidence through explanation and analysis. Hint: clearly identify the these as a word of phrase and do not confuse theme with message.
3. Explore how the writer builds a sense of suspense throughout this novel. Explore the strategies used and examine their effectiveness. Hint: be sure to define what you mean by suspense and define any terms necessary, eg. irony, conflict, etc.

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

- Has an introduction that has a beginning (hook), middle (sufficient background information) and end (thesis that outline the three points to be discussed)
- Has 3 body paragraphs each with a beginning (topic sentence), middle (2 pieces of evidence with explanation), concluding sentence (reinforces the idea).
- Uses transition effectively from sentence to sentence so the essay has flow and is not choppy.
- Transitions smoothly into quotations and out of quotations.
- Selects strong evidence to support main ideas.
- Explanations reveal critical thinking and insight.
- Writes about the novel with specificity (not vaguely or generally) and accuracy.
- Has a concluding paragraph that summarizes the main ideas and ends in a way that leaves readers with something to think about (but no new information).
- Is answering the essay prompt directly and not just regurgitating unnecessary plot events.
- Essay is well-organized.
- Proofreads for spelling, punctuation, diction, spacing, grammar etc.
- Writes only using own thoughts about information contained within the novel. Does not plagiarize from others or the internet. This is NOT a research essay, so there is no need for use of external sources.
- This essay should be about 350-500 max. words in length.