

ENVI 419
MOVIE - RESEARCH ESSAY QUESTION

Rabbit Proof Fence: the movie

Question

Australia's aboriginal integration program of the 1930s broke countless hearts -- among them, those of young Molly (Evelyn Sampi), Gracie (Laura Monaghan) and Daisy (Tianna Sansbury), who were torn from their families and placed in an abusive orphanage. Without food or water, the girls resolve to make the 1,500-mile trek home. Meanwhile, a well-intentioned tracker is trying to return the girls to the authorities. Here's a link to the trailer for the movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lbnk8wSVMaM> The movie is available on Netflix -DVD only.

Please watch the movie "Rabbit Proof Fence." Then discuss the movie and its take on treatment of Australia's Aborigine people in the not-too-distant past.

What does the movie tell you about the experience of Aborigines in Australia? How has this treatment changed over the years? How does the idea of a "rabbit proof fence" connect to Australia's issues with invasive species? What other information did you learn about Australia through this movie?

Sources and Strategies

Basically, my goal with this assignment is to have you gain a deeper understanding Australia's treatment of its indigenous people (the Aborigines), by watching and listening to this movie. Because of this, you'll have two main sources: the movie itself, and the textbook description of Australia's treatment of the Aborigines. If you find additional sources, please include them. But again, my primary goal is to enable you to have a deeper look at Australia's treatment of its Aborigine population.

Formatting Requirements

Length: The **body** of your research essay should be between 600 and 750 words (**use "Word Count" to make sure you meet minimum length of 600 words**). Use Times New Roman font (12 point), with 1 inch margins all around. Please use double-spacing. Begin your response at the top of the page. Do NOT use a title page. Please include your name in the "header." No other identifying information is needed. Please number your pages. Please bring your paper to class. SAVE A DIGITAL COPY FOR YOURSELF.