

#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER

a long way gone

Memoirs of a
Boy Soldier

ishmael
beah



"Everyone in the world should read this book... We should
read it to learn about the world and about what it means to be
human." *The Washington Post*

English 10**A Long Way Gone: Analytical Research Essay**

Name: _____

	Possible Points	Earned Points
Introduction:		
Attention grabbing opening line:	5	
Background information on topic and memoir:	5	
Thesis statement: topic + argument	5	
1st Body Paragraph:		
Topic Sentence:	5	
2 pieces of evidence and 1 direct quote (6 pts each): • One must be from the novel. • One must be from research. • One piece of evidence must be effectively paraphrased.	12	
Introduce, incorporate, cite in correct form, and explain quotes:	9	
2nd Body Paragraph:		
Topic Sentence:	5	
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Introduce, incorporate, cite in correct form, and explain quotes:	9	
Conclusion:		
Reiterate thesis	4	
Final Insight / Suggestion for action	4	
MLA		
Works Cited page, documented correctly (8 pts)	15	
Parenthetical citations, documented correctly (7 pts)		
Miscellaneous • No 1st or 2nd person pronouns (I, you) • -1 each for simple typos • -5 for not turning in the rubric	10	

Name: _____

Topic: _____

Claim:

Topic Sentence #1: _____

Introduce and explain the evidence from Research:

Direct Quote/ Paraphrase & Analysis:

Introduce and explain the evidence from memoir:

Direct Quote/ Paraphrase & Analysis:

Topic Sentence #2: _____

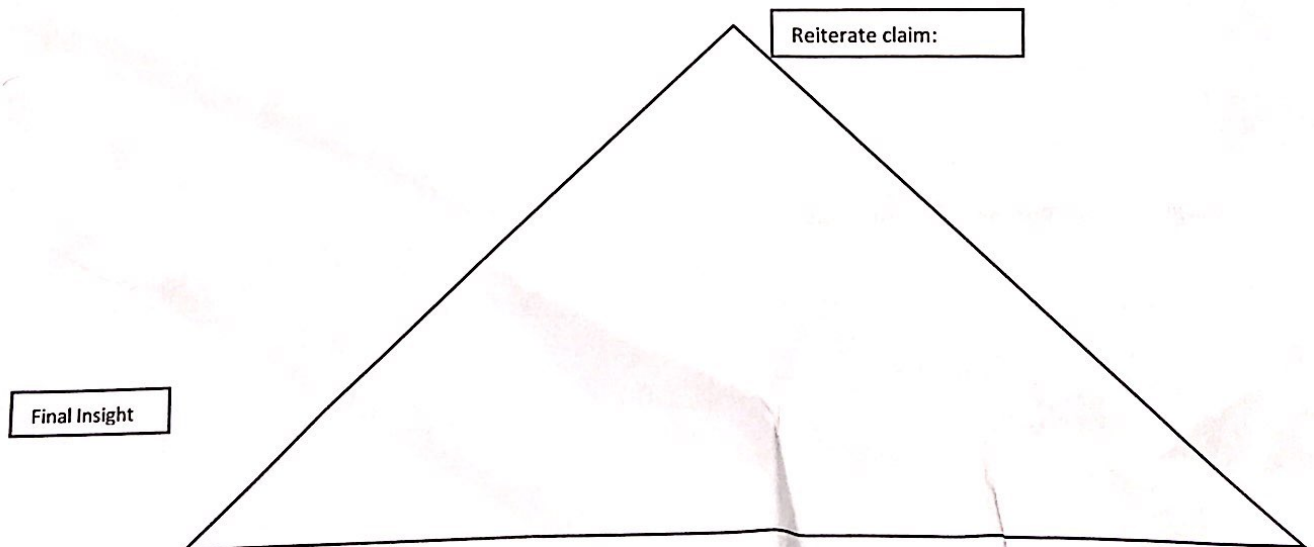
Introduce and explain the evidence from research:

Direct Quote/ Paraphrase & Analysis:

Introduce and explain the evidence from memoir:

Direct Quote/ Paraphrase & Analysis:

Conclusion:



***A Long Way Gone* Research Paper**

Develop an analytical research paper, choosing from a list of topics based on the memoir *A Long Way Gone*. In your research paper, you must incorporate information from your research and Ishmael Beah's memoir.

Once you identify your topic, you need to create a thesis statement about the topic. Your thesis statement must be an arguable statement that you will prove and support throughout your paper.

Required Elements:

- Conduct research in order to develop relevant thesis statement.
- Create an effective introduction and conclusion.
- Develop and organize ideas in a coherent and cohesive manner.
- Use sufficient and appropriate evidence from researched materials to support argument.
- Essay should be 2-3 pages in length. You must use a direct quote from the research and the memoir in each body paragraph. Your essay will be 4 paragraphs.
- Use Standard English in conveying ideas.
- Adhere to MLA format and documentation guidelines.

In order to research this topic, you must use at least 1 outside sources and *A Long Way Gone*. One of the outside sources must be from the library's online research database, but I STRONGLY recommend that you utilize the database for all of your sources, as they are legitimate. You cannot use Wikipedia as a source.

A Long Way Gone Research Paper: Possible Topics

1. How are children manipulated into being child soldiers?
2. Why are children considered the "perfect weapons"?
3. How can people recover from traumatic experiences?

Once you choose a topic, begin researching that topic to answer the question about your topic. For example:

EX 1: Topic: How can people recover from traumatic experiences?

Thesis: People can use various techniques to recover from traumatic experiences.

This thesis would tell readers that each body paragraph will focus on a different technique to help people cope with their terrible experiences.

EX 2: Topic: Manipulating Child Soldiers

Thesis: Armies use various techniques to manipulate child soldiers.

This thesis would tell readers that each body paragraph will focus on a different manipulative technique used on child soldiers. You will prove how these techniques manipulate children into working for them.