

## Writing Task Sample

Humanities 10z

### ***In what ways do we learn about humanity from people living during the 1930's?***

**You will be writing a compare *or* contrast essay for the 1930's, using The Grapes of Wrath, Out of the Dust, and Of Mice and Men. You will work with only two, based on what you have read.**

We have talked about many themes throughout the past few weeks. **Choose one of the following themes that can be found in both works, compare or contrast how this theme (ONLY ONE) is developed through the characters in the book.**

- ✗ Loyalty
- ✗ Loneliness
- ✗ Forgiveness
- ✗ Fear

#### ***What does the idea that a theme is developed mean?***

- ✗ Themes evolve throughout a literary work. You may see it evolve as the plot evolves, or you may see it evolve through the author's use of point of view, or tone. The author will develop several or few themes throughout his or her writing.
- ✗ Think about creating your own story. What would you want the overall affect to be? Do you want the reader to see the theme of challenges faced by students? Do you want to focus on the role of understanding yourself in your greater community, or in your family? **HOW WOULD YOU CONVEY THIS?**

***You are only writing a FOUR PARAGRAPH ESSAY.*** Yes, this is different from the five-paragraph essay that you have gotten to know so well! However, because you are only comparing OR contrasting two books, you will be expected to write a paragraph about each.

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