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Community Relationships in African Society

Book Report Options

Extracted from the Winter 2017 syllabus for Community Relationships in African Society:

Summarize (25 points) The Joys of Motherhood, and discuss aspects (events, activities, illustrations) of the novel that demonstrate inter-relationships between rural-urban areas. Your report will be no less than 5 but no more than 6 pages in length (type-written and double-spaced; approx. 800 words). Due Date: March 18, 2017 at 6:40 PM or online by 11:59 pm (midnight)."

Suggestions and specifications for the book report are presented below. You may select any of the following forms for your book report. Bluebooks are recommended for option #3.

1. You may write a traditional book review of about 800 words (about 5-6, typed double-spaced pages). Your review should clearly focus on the main point (or thesis) of the book as you understand it. You should then relate that main point to the study of rural-urban interactions which you are currently undertaking; that is, you need to place the book--and the author's main ideas-- in the context of what you are learning in this course. Your book review must be submitted typed or printed in its final form.
2. You may write a character study of one of the main characters in the book. This study should be about 800 words long (about 5-6 typed, double-spaced pages). It should briefly trace the development of the character, indicate how the character fits within the main theme of the book, and explain how the character helps you better understand rural-urban interactions. Your character study must be submitted typed or printed in its final form.
3. You may submit a reading diary for the book. This requires that you make a substantive entry for every reading session and for every chapter of the book. Your entries should not merely recount what you read. Rather, they should record your reactions as you read, including questions about the book. Your comments may be very personal; they may also be very academic, relating to how various episodes in the book relate to your study of rural-urban interactions. You may have a variety of entry types, but each should include the date, times, and duration of your reading and the page numbers you read. There is no specific length requirement, but as the purpose of the diary is to explain your ideas and reactions as you read, it will likely be considerably longer than either of the formal reports (formats 1 & 2). Since this is a record of your reactions as you read, it likely will be submitted handwritten.

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