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1. What is your chosen prompt for the literary analysis assignment?

I chose prompt 1. Write an analysis of a principal character in a literary work. Focus on two or three key actions of that character.

1. What interests you most about this prompt and why?

For one to critically understand any literature, it is important to comprehend the primary characters in the literature and know their roles according to the genre of the literature. This prompt is of interest since I will be able to assess the characters actions and decisions in writing. So as to achieve this, I will be forced to read the literature critically. Therefore, it will enhance my reading skills. This will also help me when am coming up with my writing work as I will be able to bring up appropriate characters that go hand in hand with the theme of the literature.

1. What text(s) will you write about? Why?

I chose to write about Jhumpa Lahiri, ‘Interpreter of Maladies.' From my perspective, I think that the story brings the role of the characters. Mrs. Das a new community member is capable of influencing Mr. Kapasi who seems not to be interested in his life. Assessing the characters in the story will require me to use my critical reading skills. From the story, I will be able to find evidence to support my illustration of the character's motivations and decision. I will be able to describe the role of various characters in the story and how they are linked to the main character.

4. What is your working thesis? Keep in mind that "working hypothesis" means you can slightly

modify your thesis for the draft and final essay.

Mr. Kapasi, a middle-aged man, works as a tour guide who encounters a significant transformation in his life after having a conversation with Mrs. Das. Mrs. Das aptly convinces him the importance of his job although he previously discounts it.

1. What are three key ideas that you will discuss in support of your thesis?
2. Mrs. Das significantly influences Mr. Kapasi to love his career.
3. The Das family’s actions surrounding their children show that their desires or interests do not accord with their obligations.
4. Mr. Kapasi desires Mrs. Das to make him understand the importance of his career to the society.
5. What questions/concerns do you have at this point about your project?

One of my greatest concern in this project is whether I will have the capability of bringing out the concept of the project in the most appropriate way. The research materials to be used in the project are also a primary concern, whereby I don’t plan on relying on the internet only. I hope I will be able to find print media or e-books to support my project.