

Agenda:

Focus: What is Steinbeck's purpose in developing these themes?

DGP

Journal

Writing a thesis statement and intro paragraph
(take notes!)

TRUISMS

Brainstorming/computer use - pairing/sharing
group share

20X

Homework: bring double-entry notes for writing!

block 2 brainstorm notes

build a starship

class pet - bunny

backpack drone

help save the
bees

pencil w/ extra
eraser in the middle

Block 1 brainstorm session:

run a tough mudder

~~sky diving~~

become a Buddhist monk

how to start
a clothing
business

Start a garden
cacti

write a specialized
recipe book

Start a
Charity

book about
world issues

DGP #5

N av/pres

3 nom pro hv av/pres adv

job likes cars but he can't drive yet.

≡

n cc can not adv.

coordinating conjunction

nominative vs. objective

nom.

objective

(He) threw the ball to (me)

(me) + Eleanor go to the mall

Journal

Free write - reflect on the holidays

What are your family traditions?

What did you do this holiday?

What is the importance of Thanksgiving?

What are you thankful for?

Themes/motifs OMAM:

Friendship/Isolation
Being an outsider
powerful/powerless (oppression)
American Dream

idealism/realism
right/wrong
(moral)

Steinbeck uses the idea
of "living off the fatta the land" to
show that hope makes all
things possible.

What is Steinbeck saying?
What does he show through
these motifs?
How do the characters reveal
his ideas?

circular plot
land - idealistic
realistic

ideas are like a story
(not real) then seem
attainable, then lose
that reality

hope can make
all things possible

What is a truism?

why do we care?

What is a truism?

It is a statement that is considered to be mostly universally true; it cuts across culture and time and it is a statement with which most people, regardless of age or upbringing, will find to be true. It is a statement that people can relate to and understand. The ideas presented are UNIVERSALLY relatable.

Finding the truism in literature helps you connect stories to one another and to everything else out there in the REAL world.

Finding the truism helps you write an AWESOME THESIS!

People need people.

globe = people
holding hands around
it

people
laughing

hugging



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People need people.

How does
this picture
relate?

It takes each of us...

people stacked
holding up object

snake chopped up

puzzle - each person
holds one piece

What picture
would work for
this truism?



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It takes each of us...



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What does this picture represent?
What truism can we use here?



Every journey
begins w/ one step

Life goes on

Remember the
past

Take it step
by step



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There must
be balance
Justice will
prevail
Justice doesn't
discriminate

Developing a thesis

Some facts:

- a thesis statement comes at the end of your introductory paragraph!
- a thesis is an arguable/debatable statement that shows your opinion, but it is stated confidently as a fact!
- a thesis will guide your reader to seeing exactly what you see!

Writing your intro paragraph:

Your intro paragraph should include the following:

a HOOK to grab your reader's attention

a sentence that includes the author of the literary work AND title of the work

a brief summary of the literary work

(In *The Scarlet Ibis*, the narrator tells the story of the life and death of his younger crippled brother, Doodle, through flashbacks and selective details.)

end of intro ¶ → thesis statement

- In Steinbeck's novella *Of Mice and Men*, the theme of _____ is emphasized/predominant/significant/shown through _____

(the characters on the ranch and their actions? Ask yourself some questions about this theme...** Who does the theme relate to? Who does it NOT relate to? Who are you going to talk about? Ask some questions....This is where you can summarize the commonalities of the characters.)

- Steinbeck's ***purpose*** was to show his readers that _____

This is your thesis. It is a truism + your personal opinion in this situation.

This assignment is due at the end of class!

Writing assignment:

Write an essay of at least three paragraphs that explores one of the themes in your novella, OMAM.

You must follow the APE structure

You must have a thesis statement

You must include at least three quotes to support your thesis

Para #1 - Intro

Para #2 - Meat - quotes and supporting facts

Para #3 - Conclusion



