

PARAPHRASING QUOTATIONS: A DO NOW

One of you classmates wrote this paragraph as their first Supporting Idea Paragraph on the final exam:

In Gem of the Ocean Citizen Barlow steals a bucket of nails and someone else pays for his crimes. He tries to deal with the guilt in him by going to Aunt Ester, a spiritual advisor in the community, to help him. Aunt Ester helps him by making him confess what he did when he went to the City of Bones. When he was in the City he says to the Gatekeeper, “It was me. I done it. My name is Citizen Barlow. I stole the bucket of nails...” (Gem of the Ocean Iii, p. 78). This prove that he was struggling with himself and how he want to be free from the guilt that was in him. If people are in a spiritual turmoil, they seek help for one who is willing to help them.

This person’s thesis was:

In August Wilson’s Gem of the Ocean, Citizen Barlow struggles with guilt and, as a result, lets people help him clean his soul.

Please re-write this person’s Supporting Idea Paragraph, without including any quotations. You will have to summarize/paraphrase the quotation. In addition, there are some other things you may want to change.

STUDENT WORK #2

Thesis: In Shakespeare’s Hamlet, the murder of King Hamlet changes Hamlet into a man determined to get revenge.

Supporting Idea Paragraph 1:

Hamlet vowed to get revenge on his uncle Claudius for the most foul murder of his father King Hamlet. The ghost of King Hamlet comes to Hamlet to tell Hamlet that he was murdered by Uncle Claudius. The ghost then told Hamlet to avenge his death. Hamlet then swore to find out if Claudius murdered King Hamlet and if so he would avenge King Hamlet’s death. Hamlet says, “Haste me to know it, That I, with wings as swift as meditation of the thoughts of my love may sweep to my revenge...so, uncle, there you are, not to my word. It is ‘adieu, adieu, remember me.’ I have sworn’t” (Hamlet Iv, p. 58-63). Hamlet says to his Uncle, not to his face, but to himself, that he has sworn to get revenge remember this. After finding out his father was murdered Hamlet was pushed to act with vengeance.

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