

# English 11 Essay:

**In a multi-paragraph, persuasive essay of 500-750 words, respond to one of the topics below.**

\*You must incorporate quotations from one or more of the stories studied and/or reference articles on my website.

1. Discuss the idea of identity and loss of identity.
  - Ideas: consider how forced assimilation, including mandatory attendance of residential school, has impacted individual and cultural identity?
2. Discuss the use of symbolism.
  - Ideas: focus on colour symbolism, or the cutting of the children's hair, nature, lines, barriers etc.  
\*\*Remember, you must have a point. (Ex: explain how symbolism reveals theme, or how symbolism enhances the story).
3. Discuss the impact of residential schools on indigenous children. Use examples from the stories studied.
4. Discuss how the trauma impacts more than one generation. For example, consider how residential schools impact both parent and child.
5. Discuss the impact of disconnection and isolation.
6. Discuss the issue of the disempowerment of indigenous peoples in North America.
7. Discuss how memories shape identity in the stories we have studied.

## **Criteria:**

- A multi-paragraph persuasive essay of 500-750 words.
- Quotations are integrated into each paragraph. (Must be from the stories studied and/or articles/videos on my website.
- Proper citations in text and on a Works Cited page.
- Double-spaced
- Preferably typed
- Completed outline, edited rough copy and good copy
- Contact with me in Great Hall