Monkey Beach- 5 paragraph Persuasive Essay thesis statement choices  
  
If you choose to write your essay on Monkey Beach, you will be expected to write a persuasive essay on one of the following topics, using specific examples from the novel to support your thesis, and including direct and indirect quotes from the novel. You must incorporate at least 3 quotes into your essay. You will need to complete the essay chart outlines and fill in the blank template for all 5 body paragraphs.  
  
**Essay thesis statements to choose from***.*

1. ***The novel Monkey Beach , by Eden Robinson, uses the experiences of the characters to teach us about the importance of culture and traditions to Indigenous peoples in order to help us connect to their experiences and increase our understanding of these to Indigenous peoples .***

-Think of 3 things the novel teaches us about the importance of culture and traditions to Indigenous peoples. or think of 3 characters experiences that teach us about the importance of culture and traditions to Indigenous peoples.

**Ask**- What important things about Indigenous culture and traditions are taught to us through the experiences of characters in the novel?

1. ***The novel Monkey Beach , by Eden Robinson, uses the experiences of the characters to teach us about the negative impacts of colonization on Indigenous peoples in order to help us connect to their experiences and increase our understanding of the effects of those impacts.***

-Think of 3 things the novel teaches us about the negative impacts of colonization on Indigenous peoples or think of 3 characters experiences that teach us about the negative impacts of colonization on Indigenous peoples.

**Ask-** What negative impacts of colonization on Indigenous peoples does the novel teach us about through the experiences of the characters?

1. ***The novel Monkey Beach , by Eden Robinson, teaches us about the importance of connecting to your roots and to the land for Indigenous peoples, through the experiences of the characters, in order to help us connect to their experiences and increase our understanding.***

--Think of 3 things the novel teaches us about the importance of connecting to your roots and to the land for Indigenous peoples, or think of 3 characters experiences that teach us about the importance of connecting to your roots and to the land for Indigenous peoples.

**Ask**- What does the novel teach us about the importance of connecting to your roots and to the land for Indigenous people, through the experiences of the characters?

1. ***The novel Monkey Beach , by Eden Robinson, teaches us about the cultural and spiritual traditions of the Haisla people through the experiences of the characters, in order to increase our understanding of the Haisla People.***

-Think of 3 things the novel teaches us about the cultural and spiritual traditions of the Haisla People, or think of 3 characters experiences that teach us about the cultural and spiritual traditions of the Haisla People.

**Ask**-What does the novel teach us about the cultural and spiritual traditions of the Haisla people through the experiences of the characters?

1. ***The novel Monkey Beach , by Eden Robinson, teaches us about resilience and healing of Indigenous peoples,through the experiences of the characters, in order to help us connect to their experiences and increase our understanding of the effects.***

-Think of 3 things the novel teaches us about the resilience and healing of Indigenous peoples, or think of 3 characters experiences that teach us about the resilience and healing of Indigenous peoples

**Ask**-What does the novel teach us about resilience and healing of Indigenous peoples through the experiences of the characters?

1. ***The novel Monkey Beach , by Eden Robinson, teaches us about the effects of racism, and stereotypes on Indigenous peoples,through the experiences of the characters, in order to help us connect to their experiences and increase our understanding of the effects.***

-Think of 3 things the novel teaches us about the effects of racism and stereotypes on Indigenous peoples, or think of 3 characters experiences that teach us about the effects of racism and stereotypes on Indigenous peoples.

Ask-What does the novel teach us about the effects of racism and stereotypes on Indigenous peoples, through the experiences of the characters?

5 paragraph Essay Writing assignment

You will need to write a 5 paragraph essay. You can write a general essay or an essay on Monkey Beach. You must do all of the pre-writing steps including brainstorming/research, organize/outline (chart outline for all 5 paragraphs), rough copy (fill in the blank template), editing and good copy. If you choose to do a general essay topic you must do some research in order to put quotes into your essay to support your thesis. All essays must have at least one quote in each paragraph.

Reminder of pre-writing steps

Step #1- Pick a topic. You can choose any topic you want, however, I must approve the topic and your thesis statement. You will need to show me all of your work.

Possible Topic choices if you aren’t sure what to write about- Music, Movies, Graduation, Pets, Sports, Video Games, Social media, Cell phones, Politics, Environment, or your choice.

Step #2- Brainstorm a list of possible topics related to the topic you chose.

Example- Topic- Travel-

Brainstorm-Best Places to travel, risks of traveling, Best vacation spots, Places to travel in Canada, Places to travel in the United States, Hawaii (things to do in Hawaii), Jamaica (things to do in Jamaica), Transportation options for travel, travel tips, benefits/rewards of travel, Fun things to do when traveling, traveling in summer, traveling in winter, best times to travel, cheapest places to travel

Step #3-Create a thesis statement about your topic that has at least three reasons that support that thesis.

Thesis statement:  Travel can be very rewarding.

Step #4- Brainstorm a list of reasons that support your thesis topic.

Brainstorm- Travel can be very rewarding

Reasons- See new places, learn about different cultures, new experiences, meeting new people, trying new things, trying new foods, Relieves stress, allows you to unwind, enhances your creativity, makes you happy, lowers the risk of depression, Lets you escape from your worries, improves social skills, improves communication skills, creates memories, gets you a real life education, boosts confidence, increases your tolerance for uncertainty, broadens your horizons

Step #5- Organize your brainstorm by grouping topics that are similar and put these big ideas into your essay introduction and conclusion outline. The other ideas can be used in your body paragraphs.

New experiences- See new places, learn about different cultures, trying new things, meet new people

Improves health and wellness- relieves stress, allows you to unwind, makes you happy, lowers risk of

depression, lets you escape from your worries

Educational- improves social skills, improves communication skills, gets you a real life education, boosts confidence, increases tolerance for uncertainty, enhances your creativity

Step #6- Create an essay outline for a 5 paragraph essay using the information you have brainstormed and adding

specific examples and explanations. There should be an outline for an introductory paragraph, 3 body

paragraphs and a conclusion paragraph. (you will get another handout to help you do this)

Step #7- Write a rough copy of your essay by using the fill in the blank template. (you will get a handout to do this)

Step #8- Edit your rough copy for grammatical mistakes and to make improvements to wording, and your arguments.

You can do this directly on your rough copy.

Step #9- Write your good copy for your essay.