In class 5 paragraph essay topics for Monkey Beach- Literary Persuasive Essay

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.

*Essay topics to choose from. (all of these need to be developed into thesis statements and need to have the “so what?” added )*

1. In the novel, Monkey Beach Eden Robinson utilizes various settings to help us understand themes she is trying to convey.

2. Symbols are used in the novel Monkey Beach to help us understand the themes of the novel.

3. In the novel Monkey Beach, Lisamarie uses her past experiences, and connection to her culture, to help her deal with the tragedy she is dealing with in the present.

4. Many characters in the novel Monkey Beach are lost, which is symbolized by the character of Jimmy in the novel. (Jimmy is not the only “lost” character in this novel; he is symbolic of all the other figuratively or literally lost characters, such as Uncle Mick, Ma-ma-oo, Ba-ba-oo, Aunt Trudy, and others.)

5. One of the themes of the novel Monkey Beach is that of “Lost people”.

6. One of the themes of the novel Monkey Beach is the “Search for identity”

7. The novel Monkey Beach teaches us many things about the difficulties of growing up in a first nations village, while trying to balance culture and traditions with the modern ways of life.

8. The novel Monkey Beach explores the theme of resilience and healing in first nations culture.

9. The novel Monkey Beach explores the theme of spirituality ,magic, dreams and visions in first nations culture.

10. The novel Monkey Beach explores the theme of addiction in first nations culture.

11. The novel Monkey Beach explores the theme of conflict and conflict resolution in first nations culture.

12. The novel Monkey Beach explores the theme of racism and stereotypes in first nations culture.

13. The novel Monkey Beach explores the theme of grief and loss in first nations culture.

14. The novel Monkey Beach explores the topic of residential school and its impacts on first nations peoples lives.

15. Lisamarie’s experiences, in the novel Monkey Beach , teaches us many things about first nations culture.

16. Other- Create your own thesis statement. This must be approved by Ms. Ashley before beginning.