FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

2ND SEMESTER 2021

ASSIGNMENT 2

LITERARY PROSE
LTP621S
Second Feedback Tutorial Letter for LITERARY PROSE sem 2 2021

Dear students

Here is a brief feedback letter on your last assignment, Assignment 2

Unfortunately there are still some students who just don’t get what academic dishonesty (plagiarism) is.

This could be because they are simply not up to standard in an academic environment, or, and I hope this is the case, they simply don’t care about being dishonest and purposefully ignore advice from the lecturers.

This is really sad but it can be rectified 😊

Hopefully when these students fail and have to incur the wrath of parents and financial implications they will change their behavior. Often pain is the best teacher!

I took pains to explain to you what plagiarism is in the First Tutorial Feedback Letter, but some students still committed plagiarism in this assignment. A certain level of plagiarism is allowed (you are penalised with marks) . One student had 81% plagiarism indicated by the Turnitin programme!!

These students immediately fail and get 0 for the assignment. They also got 0 for assignment 1, but repeated the crime again. Why?

I am proud of all the students who had 20% “plagiarism” or less. Their work showed up references which many acknowledged in the text and References, which is acceptable. They made an effort to paraphrase and use their OWN brains, without relying on “Professor Google”.

Now to the assignment:

QUESTION 1 (35 MARKS)

- At the beginning of the novel, To Kill a Mockingbird, the narrator, Scout Finch, tells us that “Jem and I found our father satisfactory…”. She and her brother think
of him as old and ineffectual. By the end of the novel their opinions have changed entirely. Discuss, with ample examples from the text why this is so.

Most students did well here BUT they seemed to stop their answer when Atticus shot the rabid dog. Clearly he is a very effective parent and takes an active role in his children’s education despite being at work most of the day. He teaches them sound moral values and how to behave in the bad times they will face at the trial.

Your answer should include many examples from the text (quotes) and should continue BEYOND the shooting of the dog. This is a major turning point in how they view their father but he continues shaping Jem and Scout beyond this point.

Your answer had to include numerous references, as I said before. You have to show how Atticus guides Jem and Scout, from innocent childhood to an acceptance of the harsh realities of their racially divided society without them becoming bitter and disillusioned. He guides them to see the good side of human nature as well etc.

**QUESTION 2 (35 MARKS)**

“Waiyaki’s fate, at the hands of the Kiama, was unavoidable”. Discuss this statement with ample textual references from *The River Between* by Ngugi.

This was a very easy question to answer. If you read the notes I provided you would found it an east question.

Many students felt that Waiyaki’s fate was unavoidable despite his good intentions. His father’s wishes doomed him from the start. This is very probable.

Others found that he was to blame for his doom, because he did not see the needs of the people – they wanted their land and to be free from British control. He was preoccupied with building schools.
The fact that his enemies were plotting against him, his association with Muthoni and his love for the uncircumcised daughter of Joshua, Nyambura do not help his case at all. He also does not heed the warnings of his friend or his mother, He ignores the importance of the Kiama.

**All these facts need to be supported with textual references.** Many students did not include any textual references, Remember the textual references are the “meat” you need to add to the “skeleton” of your answer, to do well.

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