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Staples and Morrison: TISAS Paragraph

Your assignment is to write a thesis, a TISAS paragraph, and a brief conclusion to capture your ideas from our unit about African American/Black writers. Like with your TISAS paragraph for “Dark They Were and Golden-Eyed,” you’ll be linking literary devices to a theme. You have three options:

- 1) Write your TISAS paragraph *just* about “Black Men in Public Space”
- 2) Write your TISAS paragraph *just* about “Recitatif”
- 3) Challenge option: Write a comparative TISAS paragraph linking a shared theme between “Black Men in Public Space” and “Recitatif.” This means you’d have one quote from each in your paragraph.

Resources:

- 1) Theme/devices lists for both works.
- 2) Annotations
- 3) Unpacking practice: in-class and homework
- 4) Feedback on your “DTWGE” paragraph: build on your skills from last time by reading over feedback and implementing it!
- 5) Plot chart for “Recitatif”
- 6) Flex and in-class work time
- 7) TISAS outline
- 8) Conclusion samples/outline
- 9) Sample TISAS paragraphs

Your final draft will be submitted to turnitin.com and needs to be:

- 1) Double-spaced, 12pt font, Times New Roman
- 2) Contain an MLA heading
- 3) Show understanding of TISAS structure: thesis, two fully-analyzed quotes (unpacked), TLC integrated quotes, transitions, summary sentence.
- 4) Have a creative title
- 5) Proofread/peer-edited!

Literary devices:

Simile	Personification	Motif	Imagery	Mood
Metaphor	Symbol	Characterization (direct or indirect)	Diction	Tone

Thesis: Literary Device(s)+theme

Feel free to use one of these thesis frames.

In his essay “Black Men and Public Spaces,” Brent Staples uses _____ (device) and _____ (device) to reveal the theme that

_____ (theme).

In her short story “Rectiatif,” Toni Morrison explores her central idea that

_____ (theme), using _____ (device) and _____ (device).

Using _____ (device) in his essay, and _____ (device) in her short story, Brent Staples and Toni Morrison both explore the idea that

_____ (shared theme)

Though Brent Staples writes “Black Men in Public Space” in essay form, while Toni Morrison’s “Recitativ” is a short story, both authors express similar ideas about _____ (topic). Staples’ use of _____ (device) and Morrison’s _____ (device) show that/how

_____ (theme)

