

Through the Woods Questions

Working in groups of 2-3, answer the following questions. You will each have to write your own answers on the space provided, but you can work together to come up with the response.

1. What do you think of Matthew and his Grandmother. Are the behaviours and emotions of these characters believable? Why or why not?

2. Relate an experience you or someone you know has had that in some way parallels the experiences of a character(s) in the story. How might you respond to experiences like these?

3. Explain how Matthew's home/school life contributes to the decisions he makes.

4. The ending of the story is open to interpretation. What do you think the future holds for the main characters?

THEN **pick one of the responses** to turn into a PEEL paragraph

Use the template on the next page to plan out your paragraph.

PROMPT/QUESTION:
POINT:
EXPLAIN/EXPAND:
EVIDENCE:
EXPLAIN/EXPAND:
LINK:

The Dark Side of Nixon Assignment

Throughout the story “The Dark Side of Nixon” Brandon faces a lot of **internal and external conflicts**.

- *Internal conflicts could be based on Brandon’s personality and/or his Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).*
- *External conflicts could be based on his relationship with his mother, or bullies who make an appearance at the end of the story.*

For this assignment:

You are going to list **one internal and one external conflict** that Brandon must confront in the short story and you will be required to find evidence in the text. Then, for each conflict, you will:

- 1) **write one topic sentence** that will introduce the character and the conflict that he faces in the story.
- 2) **explain and expand on this conflict**. Try to get more specific and give context to what’s happening in the story when the conflict occurs.
- 3) Using your own words, **introduce the quotation/evidence that supports the conflict** being discussed in your paragraph.
- 4) **Write a final linking sentence** that explains why this evidence supports your topic sentence.
- 5) Please use the template below for recording all of your written work.

Internal Conflict: _____

Evidence: _____

External Conflict: _____

Evidence: _____

INTERNAL CONFLICT: _____

<i>Point / Topic Sentence</i>	
<i>Expand/Explain</i>	
<i>Evidence (don't forget to introduce using your own words)</i>	<i>For example, " _____ , " (Ellis #)</i>
<i>Linking Statement</i>	

EXTERNAL CONFLICT: _____

<i>Point / Topic Sentence</i>	
<i>Expand/Explain</i>	
<i>Evidence (don't forget to introduce using your own words)</i>	<i>For example, “ _____ ,” (Ellis #)</i>
<i>Linking Statement</i>	

*Using one of the templates above (the one you think is the best), you will write a full paragraph on a separate sheet of paper. **Please check with your teacher before writing your paragraph.***