***Words of Wisdom Project: Part One***

***Wisest Words Analysis***

Task: Choose the wisest thing said in *To Kill a Mockingbird.* Discuss what the lesson was, why it was important to impart, and the impact it had on the character learning it. Through this one page single-spaced assignment, you are to also discuss why this was the quote that you chose.

**Evaluation:**

You will be marked on whether or not you answered all of the questions above.

What was the lesson? /5

Why was it important to impart? /5

What impact did it have on the character? /5

Why did you choose this quote? /5

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***Words of Wisdom Project: Part Two***

***Life’s Little Instructions***

Task: Your assignment is to create your own Life’s Little Instructions Book. Your booklet must contain the following:

1. Five (or more) pearls of wisdom from *To Kill a Mockingbird.*
2. Ten (or more) pearls of wisdom from wise people in your world. Consider asking your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, teachers, coaches, etc.
3. Ten (or more) pearls of wisdom from research sources, including other novels, books, newspapers, websites, television shows, movies, song lyrics, and speeches.
4. Five (or more) pearls of your own. Consider what you have learned thus far in your life. What advice can you offer?

Reminder: Quotes can be philosophical (“Never cut what can be untied”), practical (“Always own a good dictionary”), or humorous (“Never eat yellow snow”).

**Evaluation:**

**Pearls**

-Pearls chosen are insightful/interesting to /30

read and proper credit is given for each quote

**Presentation**  /5

-Neat, well organized, interesting to read,

formatted properly into a book, creative

**Grammar/spelling** /5

-Professional writing style used

**Works Cited page** /5

-Proper APA formatting

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***Words of Wisdom Project: Part Three***

***Interview***

Task: Revisit the wise things you found from the people whom you talked to directly. Choose one pearl of wisdom that you believe to be particularly wise.

Interview this person for a second time, asking how he or she came to believe this piece of wisdom. For example, if you grandfather told you, “Slow and easy wins the race,” ask him how he learned that lesson in his life. Ask your source to describe an experience that he or she had that made that pearl of wisdom a truism. Through this second interview, find the story behind the wisdom. Write the story.

Your story must be a minimum of two pages, double-spaced typed.

**Evaluation**:

**Creativity** /5

-the way the story is told is creative and interesting

to read.

**Organization** /2

-the story is organized in a way that makes sense and

helps move the story along (has a natural flow to it)

**On topic** /3

-the story does not stray away from the original pearl

of wisdom and all information provided adds to the

overall story behind the wisdom.

**The ‘why’ aspect**  /5 (x2)

-There is a clear reason as to why you picked this quote

as the most important one. It is explained in depth why

this quote was chosen and what it means to you.

**Mechanics** (including spelling/grammar and min. length) /5

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