Embedded Assessment 2

Task: Collaborate with your partners to write an essay that responds to the following synthesis prompt. *To what degree does one’s culture influence the way one views others and the world?*

Before you begin, you and your partners are to complete the following, which will be turned in along with your essay.

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| Person responsible: |  | Notes to include in paper: |
| Teacher guided/ collaboratively generated | Introduction/ Thesis | Thesis: |
| Name: | Body paragraph 1 | Evidence (w/ title and pg #): |
| Name: | Body paragraph 2 | Evidence (w/ title and pg #): |
| Name: | Body paragraph 3 | Evidence (w/ title and pg #): |
| Entire group is to work on this once everything above is complete. | Conclusion | Final thoughts (no evidence): |

Suggested steps:

1. Before you begin to write, brainstorm.
   1. Create a thesis.
   2. Make sure your thesis answers the question. (Ask if you are not sure before you begin writing the essay.)
   3. Discuss the stories- how do they support the thesis? (potential evidence)
   4. What claims could you write based on your discussion?
   5. Decide who is responsible for completing which parts.
   6. Complete the outline (write it down on the outline) and make sure everyone has a copy.
2. Once it is written and you take a moment to put it all together, you will need to revise.
   1. Does it make sense now that it is all together?
   2. Does it flow?
   3. What can you add/ change to improve upon your essay?
   4. Double check, do all claims support the thesis? (Are they one sentence?)
   5. Make sure evidence is not repeated. (Do not use the same quote more than once.) (Did you write one sentence for your evidence?)
3. Write your conclusion.
4. Before you submit, check your spelling, punctuation and grammar.
   1. Did you write in complete sentences?
   2. Is everything spelled correctly?
   3. Did you eliminate all contractions (don’t, isn’t, can’t, ect.) except if in quotations?
   4. Did you include a lead-in before all of your quotes?
   5. Is this piece written in 3rd person? (NO I, WE, US, YOU, YOUR, etc.)
   6. Did you indent your paragraphs?

Options for EA #2:

**Potential Questions:**

-To what degree does one’s culture influence the way one views others and the world?

-How does one’s culture influence the way one views others and the world?

**Potential Thesis Statements:**

-Cultural identity significantly influences people’s view of the world and others.

-Cultural identity has limited influence on people’s view of the world and others.