**Journal Assignment**

**TASK:** Using “Pretty Like a White Boy” and your own experiences, address one of the following topics in a well-developed journal. Ensure that you’ve used topic sentences, at least 3 supporting details with full explanations and a concluding sentence. Use support from the essay and your own experiences. The journal should be 1 page in length.

**Topics:**

* What is Identity? To what extent do we determine our own identities? What influence does society have?

OR

* How does our need to belong influence our identity? How does it lead to the formation of “in” groups and “out” groups in our society?

**Tips for Success**

* Avoid losing ‘easy’ marks on spelling, grammar, and MLA
* Ensure that you’ve made connections between the novel and your opinions
* Justify your opinions with specific pieces of evidence from the novel
* Avoid over generalized statements
* Be clear and concise – bigger is not always better
* Structure and organization are important – if you find that you are straying off topic or your ideas do not feel connected, revise your work until it flows nicely

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| **Thinking**  **/ 10**  | Somewhat addressed the idea of identity and how it is impacted by society with some support, very little detail. | Somewhat addressed the idea of identity and how it is impacted by society, Included at least 3 specific points with little support. | Addressed the idea of identity and how it is impacted by society, Included at least 3 specific points with some good support. | Addressed the idea of identity and how it is impacted by society, Included at least 2 specific points with thorough support. |
| **Communication** **(spelling/grammar) / 10**  | Properly structured, more than 5 errors.  | Properly structured, 3-5 errors.  | Properly structured, 1-2 minor errors  | Properly structured, no errors. |

FEEDBACK