

“Good Night and Good Luck” Essay Assignment

TOPIC:

Discuss parallels between characters and events in the film and those today. Use Murrow’s quote as a focus on the similarities between America in the 1940s-50s and issues of fear today:

"We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. We must remember always that accusation is not proof and that conviction depends upon evidence and due process of law. We will not walk in fear, one of another. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason, if we dig deep in our history and our doctrine, and remember that we are not descended from fearful men--not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate and to defend causes that were, for the moment, unpopular."

STRUCTURE:

Introduction: Background information: Movie title, director, major character’s names and roles, issue today that you indent to compare to McCarthyism. Clear thesis statement with two points.

Body Paragraph One: Topic sentence. Introduction to quote and lead into quote. Must have at least two quotes, one about McCarthyism and one about today. You can use quotes from the film and/or quotes from the non-fiction articles we read in class on the topic of McCarthyism, “Are You Now or Were You Ever,” and “A Decade of Fear.” For your event from today, you must use a newspaper or magazine source from 2013. It may be an web version of the source. Have A clear analysis of quotes and connection to the thesis. Have a clear concluding sentence.

Body Paragraph Two: same as one.

Conclusion: restate thesis in a new way and summarize points of the essay. Get to a bigger idea/life lesson outside of the points of your paper.

RUBRIC:

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Includes</i>	<i>Points</i>
Body	Paragraph 1: 15 points: clarity, writing style, strength of argument, use of support from the text, strcuture	5 10 15
	Paragraph 2: 15 points: same as above	5 10 15
Introduction & Conclusion	Organized Introduction paragraph: 5 points: has clear thesis and points	1 3 5
	Organized Conclusion: 5 points	1 3 5
Grammar & Structure	Has proper use of grammar, mechanics, and essay structure: 5 points	1 3 5

Total: /45