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**Turning Points: Extended Writing Project**

**Prompt:** Think about the selections you have read that involve life-changing experiences. Write an informative/explanatory essay in which you explain how three individuals in three of the excerpts you have read faced life-changing experiences, and analyze the impact of these changes on their lives and/or countries.

**Your essay should include:**

* An introduction with a clear thesis statement
* Body paragraphs with relevant evidence and thorough analysis to support your thesis statement
* A conclusion paragraph that effectively wraps up your essay
* Precise language and domain-specific vocabulary
* Citations of sources

**What is informative/explanatory writing?**

 Informative/explanatory writing examines a specific topic and presents ideas about it in a logical, organized way. Informative/explanatory writing can explain, define, classify, compare, inform or describe. Examples of informative/explanatory writing include: scientific studies, research reports, newspaper and encyclopedia articles, and non-fiction texts such as biographies and autobiographies. Though informative/explanatory writing draws a conclusion based on the facts and information, the writing is unbiased, meaning that the writer does not state his/her own opinion.

**Important Information**

 This essay is worth 60 points and is due on Tuesday, December 13th by the beginning of the class period. If you do not submit your essay on the due date, you will be **required** to attend homework club that afternoon from 3:00-4:00.