

WTL Homework Week 23

1) Brainstorm and develop your thesis and sub points using the form. You will turn this in!

2) Write your essay about *The Endless Steppe* on one of the following prompts:

a) Every culture has particular items that are important to its members. What items are essential in Rubtsovsk that would not be relevant in Vilna? This uses your imagination more, but you still must support your answers from the book and support the reasons for your choices. Among other things, consider clothing, culture, work, and home.

b) What are three ways Esther changes over the course of the book? Look at how she is in the beginning, how she changes, and what causes her to change. Think about the causes and effects of her being sent to Siberia.

c) What are three ways that Esther is an outsider when she arrives in Rubtsovsk? How does she overcome this?

d) Compare and contrast the situation Esther's family faces in *The Endless Steppe* with Jeanne Wakatsuki and her family in *Farewell to Manzanar*.

3) Study for your vocabulary test next week. Practice test is posted on Week 22.

4) Vocabulary:

Amenities—pleasant qualities; attractive or comfortable features

Dubious—doubtful

Genocide—the deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially a particular ethnic group or nation

Profusion—outpouring

Rations—a fixed allowance of provisions or food

No poetry due. You have enough homework.