EPIPHANY ESSAY

For this essay, you will write a personal reflection about yourself borrowing the “WE” style used in *Anthem*, and like Prometheus, after you discover your epiphany, you will “be done with the monster of ‘we’” and utilize the personal pronoun “I”.

EPIPHANY:

* A moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.
* An illuminating discovery or realization.
* A sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple or commonplace occurrence or experience.

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| **EVENT** | **BOOK** | **TRANSGRESSION** |
| “I read many books for many days. Then I called the Golden One, and I told her what I read and what I had learned. She looked at me and the first words she spoke were: ‘I Love You’” (114).  **Is there a certain event or experience that opened your eyes or changed the way you perceive the world?** | “It was when I read the first of the books I found in my house that I saw the word ‘I.’ And when I understood this word, the book fell from my hands, and I wept, I who had never known tears” (114).  **Is there a book that opened your eyes or changed the way you perceive the world?** | “I understood the blessed thing which I had called my curse. I understood why the best in me had been my sins and my transgression” (114).  **Which characteristic do you have that can be perceived as negative, but that you have learned is also a positive attribute?** |

Post epiphany, use “I”

Use “WE” prior to epiphany.

**TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

**Ideas & Content**

* Include thoughts and feelings (makes connections and shares insights).
* Include sensory details and imagery.

**Organization**

* New idea = new paragraph
* Dialogue (if it applies), new speaker = new paragraph
* Introduction is inviting and draws the reader in.
* Conclusion has a satisfying sense of closure.
* There is no requirement for how much of your paper contains either the “we” (before epiphany) or the “I” (after epiphany), as long as you include both.

**Word Choice**

* Consider using figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification)
* Use vivid, specific expression that energizes the writing.

**Sentence Fluency**

* Use 1st 4 words to ensure VARIETY in your **patterns**, **lengths**, and **beginnings**.
* Label all of your sentence patterns: be sure to combine sentences to create complex, sophisticated sentences.

**Conventions**

* Use your sentence pattern sheet! Check specifically for sp 4, 6 and 10.
* Read your essay aloud, slowly.

Requirements:

* No more than 2 pages typed, double- spaced.
* Turn in a HARD COPY and turn in to turnitin.com