

8AIL Novel Response Essay

Due Date:

TASK

Choose ONE of the following essay topics in response to the novel that you have read this term.

You must follow the set structure of an essay.

- **An introduction** – clearly outlines the argument referring to the 3 main points discussed in the main body
- **Three supporting paragraphs** – all containing a topic sentence, evidence and examples from the novel and a linking sentence
- **A conclusion** – that summarises the main ideas and includes a valid judgement on the question
- **Your essay must be approximately 300 – 500 words in length**

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

1. It is easier to be brave if you don't know how dangerous a situation is. Discuss whether Bruno is a brave boy or a coward.
2. Boyne uses a third-person narrator to tell the story mostly from Bruno's perspective. At times, the perspective shifts to represent Shmuel's point of view. What is the purpose of this tactic?