

The Guest - Albert Camus - Pre-Thinking Activity

Textbook pages 1244-1245

1. According to Camus what is the way people create meaning in an absurd world? Do you agree with Camus? Use specific examples to explain your point. 4 points

2. What about Camus's environment growing up might have inspired him to take such a stand against oppression? Explain your answer (Hint: think about the area he grew up in). 4 points

3. The conflict in Algeria, between France and the Algerian Muslims, caused Albert Camus much anguish. Explain how Camus dealt with the situation. 2 points

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4. Camus comments “In Algeria, as elsewhere, terrorism can be explained by a lack of hope.” How does Camus’s comment relate to his philosophical beliefs of existentialism? 5points

5. In this story characters are forced to make important decisions. Think about some important decisions you have made, perhaps about whether to stand up for a personal belief or to go along with the crowd. Why are some decisions so difficult to make? Use specific examples to support your point. 5 points

20 points total