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English I PreAP/GT, Period _____

Date: 26 August 2015   ← *Please write all dates in this format*

Thesis Development over excerpt from *My Antonia*

Required: Your passage.

Step 1: Read the prompt.

Prompt: Many writers use a country setting to establish values within a work of literature. For example, the country may be a place of virtue and peace or one of primitivism and ignorance. Using the passage from *My Antonia*, write an essay in which you analyze how the country setting characterizes the narrator.

Step 2: Determine what the prompt is asking you. On the following lines paraphrase the prompt:

How does Cather use the country setting to characterize the narrator?

Step 3: On the lines provided write your Thesis. Include **Author** of literary work, **Title** of literary work, **Type** of literature, **Time** period the literary work takes place in. Do not go over one sentence, even if your sentence is long (but make sure to punctuate correctly).

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required by prompt →

(title)   (time)   (type)   (author)

In *My Antonia*, an early 20th century novel, Willa Cather *← opinion* characterizes an unnamed narrator (as philosophical and adventure-seeking) through his reactions to the expansive prarie.

↑ setting (required by prompt.)

👁AT THE END OF THE PERIOD, you will turn this paper into the correct turn in tray for your class period.

Rubric for Thesis Statements

1= The thesis clearly does not achieve this standard
2= The thesis indicates that the writer has made some effort to meet this standard but with little success
3= The thesis indicates that the writer has made a serious effort to meet this standard and that she/he has been fairly successful
4= The thesis clearly meets this standard

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1.	Thesis includes author, title, time, and type.	1	2	3	4
2.	Thesis addresses all aspects of the prompt.	1	2	3	4
3.	Thesis uses clear language. (Mechanic/Usage issues)	1	2	3	4
4.	Thesis does not use vague language. (Broad terms)	1	2	3	4
5.	Direction of thesis is clear.	1	2	3	4
6.	Thesis is one sentence.				