

Task for *The Garret: Thomas Keneally*

Collaborative Writing Project

Thomas Keneally and daughter, Meg, have collaborated on [The Monsarrat Series](#). Keneally says ‘we talk every day and we make up the plot together and do the research together’.

Your task is to work with a partner or small group (maximum of three people), to produce a short story that is reflective of a collaborative writing process.

Steps for getting started:

1. Together, you should plan the plot together and undertake the necessary additional research in order to get your story started.
2. You should divide up the story and allocate each member an equal portion of the story to have responsibility for.
3. You should set up [Google Docs](#) to work on this piece together and invite your teacher to be able to view and edit your work for support.
4. Create your own deadlines within the allocated timeline provided to you.
5. Prepare to undertake peer reviews of each other’s work.

Format: Word processed, approximately 1500–2000 words.

Additional components:

Individually, prepare a short reflection (500 words) to accompany your collaborative story that responds to the following:

1. Explain the direction you and your partners chose to go for this story. How did you generate your ideas? How did you ensure all group members’ ideas were considered and incorporated?
2. What kinds of values or attitudes did you and your partners try to embed in your story? How successful do you think you have been? Support with evidence from the text.
3. How did you hope to have the audience react to your story? In what ways have you challenged the reader to accept or reject a particular viewpoint?

Success criteria:

- Evidence of a collaborative culminating task through the Google Docs process.
- Consistent theme embedded into the work throughout all pieces.
- Consistent formatting across the piece.
- Seamless collaboration – where each author ‘stops and starts’ should not be obvious.
- Correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.

For assessment:

Individual reflection: [\(ACEEN024\)](#), [\(ACEEN027\)](#), [\(ACEEN038\)](#), [\(ACEEN039\)](#), [\(ACEEN040\)](#)

Collaborative story: [\(ACEEN032\)](#), [\(ACEEN033\)](#), [\(ACEEN034\)](#), [\(ACEEN035\)](#), [\(ACEEN036\)](#), [\(ACEEN037\)](#)