

Task for The Garret: Maxine Beneba Clarke

Culminating Rich Assessment Task

Maxine Beneba Clarke continually refers to the importance of her work, *The Hate Race*, in forcing the reader to step into the shoes of her child protagonist to ‘experience this life’.

In this task, you will emulate Clarke’s process and construct your own ‘mini-memoir’.

You will need to:

1. Consider a theme that runs through your life and has shaped your experiences and view of the world.
 - *Clarke focused on race and racism and her memoir centred around stories that were essential to this theme. Be sure that the theme you select is powerful and dominant enough so that you can draw on many stories.*
 - *Some examples could be survival, disappointment, curiosity or boredom.*
2. Write a collection of ‘episodes’ that relate to this theme.
 - *Select up to four stories pertinent to your theme and shape them into individual episodes.*
 - *You may choose to challenge yourself to try imitating Clarke’s fictionalised style of memoir writing or you may choose to be more traditional.*
3. Explain what you had hoped to provoke or elicit from the reader.
 - *What is it that you wanted them to experience or understand of your life?*
 - *How did you want them to feel?*
 - *How have you forced them to step into your shoes and what can they understand about the world after reading your stories?*
 - *Use examples from your own work relating to how you have positioned the audience and your intention in doing so.*

Format:

- Word processed
- Memoir: approximately 1000 words in total
- Explanation: approximately 500 words in total

Success criteria:

- Evidence of a theme or thread that runs throughout all stories included in the mini-memoir.
- Relevant selection of stories that are specific, interesting and worth telling.
- Concise explanation of the purpose of each story and reflection on the rationale for inclusion.
- Correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

For assessment:

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