

Task for *The Hate Race*

Personal reflective task

What is personal reflective writing?

- Writing that explores a poignant or significant moment in your life
- A moment with some importance or a lesson learned
- Underpinned by familial values and relationships

Task: Write a personal reflective piece inspired by Maxine Beneba Clarke's *The Hate Race*. Your response should address the following question:

How is my experience of growing up in Australia similar or different to the experience described in one of the texts studied in class?

You could consider writing about one of the following ideas:

- a lesson that you learned
- something that you wish you could have done differently
- recognising that other people are diverse and complex
- the importance of traditions to identity

Word count: 500–600 words

A document to help you structure your piece is on the next page.

Reflective writing structure

Structural point	What to include
Describe	<p>You need to recount your chosen moment. You should select a moment of significance. Remember that you are trying to home in on a formative experience that shaped your values, beliefs or ideas whilst growing up.</p> <p>This needs to be written in the past tense.</p> <p>Include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened? • Who was there? • When and where did it take place?
Evaluate	<p>You need to evaluate how you felt at the time.</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were you thinking? • Why did you think this? • How did this moment make you feel? • Why did you feel this way?
Compare	<p>You need to compare this experience to that of Clarke's in <i>The Hate Race</i>. The aim is not to see whose circumstances are 'better' or 'worse', or to make judgements about how characters were raised or grew up, but instead to draw connections between different contexts to show that some experiences transcend time and place.</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is this moment similar or different to anything experienced by Maxine? • Are you able to articulate why this moment is the same/different? • Avoid making judgement statements or generalisations.
Analyse	<p>You need to discuss what you learned from this moment or situation.</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you learn about yourself? • What did you learn about the other people/groups involved? • What did you learn about the world?
Conclude	<p>You need to discuss how you have applied this lesson to your life.</p>