

# LIMBERLOST

## RICH ASSESSMENT TASK: ANALYTICAL ESSAY

Write a structured analytical text response essay (1,000–1,200 words) in response to one of the following topics:

- ‘*Limberlost* shows us that, to truly understand ourselves, we must also understand the people around us.’ To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- How is nature shown to be a force of both healing and harm in *Limberlost*?
- In *Limberlost*, the reader is shown the importance of family. Discuss.
- ‘*Limberlost* depicts the insistence of memory.’ Do you agree?
- *Limberlost* shows us that, in the most difficult of circumstances, there is still hope. Discuss.

Your essay should present a clear contention supported by close textual analysis and evidence. Consider how Robbie Arnott employs literary techniques to convey key themes and ideas.

### Requirements

- Develop a clear contention that responds directly to the chosen topic
- Use textual evidence (quotations, recount, literary techniques) to support your analysis
- Demonstrate understanding of the text and its key ideas, values, and concerns
- Reflect on the text’s context and literary significance as relevant

### Assessment criteria

<b>Textual knowledge</b>	How well does the student display their understanding of the text?
<b>Text construction</b>	How well does the student display their understanding of literary techniques, structure, and construction?
<b>Textual evidence</b>	How well does the student extract and employ quotations, recount, and literary techniques to support their interpretation?
<b>Response to the topic</b>	How consistently does the student address the topic at hand and link their discussion back to a central contention?
<b>Structure and language</b>	How effectively does the student employ the structures and conventions of the analytical text response, and articulate their ideas using appropriate language and metalanguage?