

“Once More to the Lake” assignment

This is an essay written by the famous E.B. White. He also wrote *Charlotte’s Web*, a classic children’s novel about a spider and her barnyard friends. An essay differs from a novel in several important ways. A novel is a book-length story of imagination that may or may not include real people, places, events or ideas; it also includes characters, dialogue, suspense, and various themes to communicate its ideas. An essay “is a short work of nonfiction that deals with a single subject...it can be descriptive, persuasive, informative, or narrative.” (Taken from our textbook, page R109).

See Mr. Larson’s Wide World of English website for these two links: “Informative Essays”; “DPN essays.”

Then type up answers to the following seven questions:

1. Define the four types of essays mentioned above.

Read “Once More to the Lake.”

2. What type of essay is it? Give examples that prove your answer.
3. Show five different uses of figurative language. Identify each, such as A. Olfactory Imagery - _____; B. Metaphor - _____;
4. In what ways do White’s descriptions of the lake and its surroundings suggest why he loves the place?
5. White says that he seems to be living a “dual existence” as a father in the present and as a son in the past. Reflect how the father feels about living both in the present and in the past. Include examples!
6. Who is the intended audience for this essay? Explain why you believe this to be true.
7. Name two different tones, or attitudes, discussed in the essay, and quote lines from the essay to prove your points.

25 points