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# Thursday, December 1, 2022

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Today, you will independently read *The Question of South Africa* by Desmond Tutu.

**FIRST: Read the information below.**

**Making Connections:**

In *A Chip of Glass Ruby*, Nadine Gordimer writes about the political activities of an Indian housewife in racially segregated South Africa. Now, in *The Question of South Africa*, you will read an excerpt from a historical anti-apartheid speech by civil rights leader Desmond Tutu.

**Skills Focus**

In a persuasive speech, the way a message is conveyed is often as important as the message itself. Good persuasive speakers use language to stir emotions. Here are some of the elements they use:

- **Syntax** is arrangement of words in sentences (How does the speaker/author use repetition and parallelism?)
- **Diction** is the choice of words (What are the connotations of words the speaker/author uses?)
- **Tone** is the speakers attitude toward the subject, as expressed through choice of words and details
- **Voice** is the way a speaker uses language to allow readers to "hear" a personality in a speech
- **Imagery** includes words and phrases (sensory details) that re-create experiences for readers

**SECOND, Read *The Question of South Africa* by Desmond Tutu**

[Download the text here.](#)

**THIRD, answer the following questions in RACE format (FYI: [RACE #1.pdf](#) & [RACE #2.pdf](#) ). Please use number each of your responses, use complete sentences, and be thorough.**

**Constructed Response Questions:**

1. Why has Desmond Tutu won the Nobel Prize?
2. Why are black students boycotting school? What has happened because of the boycott?
3. How do reactions to the Nobel Prize Committee's award to Tutu illustrate the divisions in South African Society? What examples does tutu give to show that his nation is divided?
4. What examples does Tutu give to show that his nation is divided?
5. What is unusual about the syntax of the first sentence of the speech? What effect does this have on the opening of this speech?

Please submit this assignment no later than the end of the school day (3:30pm) on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

**Rubric: [I will use this rubric to grade each of your responses.](#) Each response will be worth a maximum of 10 points. The entire assignment will be worth a total of 50 points.**

This assignment will be counted for a **classwork grade** in both English and Reading.

When you have finished this assignment please quietly read a book from our class library/MackinVia (Access via Clever) OR work on something from another class.

Points 50

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