

The College of Wooster Summer Reading, 2016

The following prompts ask you to make an argument based upon your reading and analysis of Wes Moore's *The Other Wes Moore*. Please select one of the following prompts and compose an argument, using details and quotes from the text to support and defend your points. Your essay should appropriately cite your sources and be approximately 1,000 words.

1) The author asserts that he and “the other Wes Moore” arrived at two different fates primarily because of difference of circumstance rather than intrinsic differences of character or ability. Do you agree? If so, what environmental (social, political, or economic) factor most contributed to the different lives and experiences of the two Wes Moores? If not, how do you explain their different fates? Develop an argument answering this question using examples from the book to support your claims.

2) What is the expectation gap, and how does it manifest in *The Other Wes Moore*? What, in your opinion, is the solution to the expectation gap? Develop an argument answering this question using examples from the book to support your claims.

3) The two Wes Moores present different ideas surrounding manhood and masculinity. From where did their notions of manhood derive, and how did these ideas influence their lives? What conclusions can you draw about the constructs of masculinity in the United States? Develop an argument answering this question using examples from the book to support your claims.

How to Submit Your Essay

Submissions need to be Word or PDF documents, with the student's last name as the document title, and a full name and email address listed at the top of the essay. Please submit your essay to the following two locations:

1. Upload your essay to your ePortfolio by logging into your account at apex.wooster.edu.
2. Upload your essay to the Select Survey dropbox (a direct link link is also available on the summer reading webpage):
<https://selectsurvey.wooster.edu//TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=98LH8723>

Essay Contest

The Writing Center is organizing an essay contest! Those students who submit the strongest essays will be invited to attend special events, including an opportunity to meet this year's summer reading author, Wes Moore. To be considered, essays must be submitted to the Select Survey dropbox.