English 1

Writing Assessment

“The Sniper” & “The Interlopers”

50 points

You have 50 minutes to plan and write a multi-paragraph essay about conflict using ONE of the quotes below. Essays should be analytical in nature. Use your authoritative voice and only use first person when you include a personal experience.

“The goal of resolving conflict in a relationship is not *victory* or *defeat*. It’s reaching understanding and letting go of our need to be right” – Michael Stewart.

“We must teach our children to resolve their conflicts with words, not weapons” - William Clinton.

“Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict – alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence” – Dorothy Thompson.

“The true mark of maturity is when somebody hurts you and you try to understand their situation instead of trying to hurt them back.

“People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don’t know each other; they don’t know each other because they have not communicated with each other” – Martin Luther King.

Please choose ONE quote from above. In your response, explain the point the speaker is making and discuss the degree to which you agree or disagree with his/her view. Support your position by referring to the quote and providing REASONS and EXAMPLES from your own *experience*, *observation* (history, film, life in general) and the *reading*(s).

* Use MLA format
* Craft a 3-4 paragraph response
* Include 2 specific reasons or examples
* Include at least two quotes w/parenthetical references in your response
* Remember to write about literature in present tense.
* Do not use second person (you) and use first person (I) sparingly.