

Coming of Age Unit Essay Test

Respond to the following prompts. Be sure to answer thoroughly citing your chosen Book Club novel and your own experiences.

1. Discuss an event that you consider to have been a critical part of your growth and development. How has your perception or understanding of this event changed (or remained the same) as you have grown older? How did this event help to define who you are?
2. None of us gets through life without a struggle, whether personal, political, psychological, or otherwise. Some of our struggles are mere annoyances; others are seemingly insurmountable challenges that have the power to vanquish us. How we survive these adversities depends on the strategies we employ for coping with them. “What can your chosen Book Club novel teach about overcoming adversity?”
3. The Coming of Age Book Club books have been banned or censored. Why was your chosen Book Club book censored? What was deemed inappropriate? Why was this book part of the unit? Why is it valuable? Should it be read or banned? Why?