

2.5 LITERARY EXPLORATION ESSAY PLAN

The Assignment

In Mai Goda's essay, "Still Me Inside," the author explores the idea that though people are often hurt when others judge them based on only appearance, they are often able to regain confidence with the support of even a single person. Use this text to help you think about the following question. Remember that you MAY wish to write about this text in your essay, but you MUST write about a text you have **studied previously** in the course.

What is your opinion of the idea that our response to difficult circumstances shapes who we become in the future?

You **must**

- discuss a character from literature or film that you have studied in English Language Arts 30-2. You may choose to discuss more than one character (Writing about "Still Me Inside" is optional, but writing about a course text is not.)
- ensure the details you select support your opinion of the idea that the ability to face hardship is an essential human quality
- present your ideas in prose

You **should**

- reflect upon your own knowledge and/or experience and/or the reading selection provided
- use the Initial Planning Sheet to help you plan your response. Carefully consider your controlling idea or how you will create a strong unifying effect
- select a character who is relevant to your ideas about the topic and interesting to you from the short stories, novels, plays, poetry, nonfiction, or films that you have studied in English Language Arts 30-2
- organize your discussion so that your ideas are clearly and effectively presented