

## ***DIBS IN SEARCH OF SELF – REFLECTION***

**Assignment:** After completing the book, *Dibs in Search of Self*, your assignment to complete the reading will be to write an essay that **connects what you read about our young subject to what you learned about the developmental psychology of a child his age from Chapter 3 of your textbook.**

In simple essay format (Intro, Body, Conclusion) typed (12pt, Times New Roman, double-spaced) or handwritten, maximum of three pages, write how:

- Dibs grew and developed emotionally and socially through his play therapy sessions
- his cognitive ability surfaced
- Dibs' interaction (or lack thereof) with other kids affected his behavior
- his parents may have affected his growth and behavior.

Include a thesis to serve as the basis of your essay.

**Quoting From Sources:** Paraphrase when possible but if you need to quote the textbook or the novel you may do so without including a bibliography. However, quote appropriately and cite what page you used in the text of your essay.

EX: Through children's games and play, a "child can relax and enjoy himself without fear of rejection as long as he does not break the rules" (Glencoe, 84).

EX: When considering the role the parents had in Dibs' cognitive growth, it must be noted, "they had provided ample material things to feed his keen intellectual capacities" (Axline, 126).

Plagiarism will be taken seriously and handled appropriately. Any other outside sources must have a bibliography page listing. Use either APA or MLA for this just be consistent.

**Warning:** The textbook spends a greater amount of instruction on infant development. Be sure that as you explain Dibs' story, you distinguish between growth of an infant and growth of a young child. If you use terms that describe infant development, it will not help show me what you know.

**Grading:** Your essay will be graded based on the Rubric on the reverse side of this paper.

**Due Date:** This essay is due on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## REFLECTION RUBRIC

Successful completion of your essay will include all of the following:

- Introduction including a thesis \_\_\_\_\_/5
- Explanation of how Dibs grew and developed emotionally and socially \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Explanation of how he developed in his cognitive ability \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Explanation of how Dibs' interaction (or lack thereof) with other kids affected his behavior \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Explanation of how his parents may have affected his growth and behavior. \_\_\_\_\_/10
- Conclusion that summarizes your essay and restates your thesis \_\_\_\_\_/5
- Spelling and Grammar \_\_\_\_\_/10

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_/60**