

Left to Tell Essay Prompts

Choose one of the following and respond with a thorough persuasive essay. Provide textual evidence to support your contentions and follow all MLA guidelines. Essays will be graded on the rubric posted with these prompts. This assessment is worth 50 summative points.

1. Choose the member of Immaculee's family you believe has the biggest impact on who she is. Explain how this person profoundly impacts her life and the experience she shares in this book.
2. Education is a very important part of Immaculee's life, but it is not easily accessed. What schools does she attend? What sort of student is she? What are the obstacles to her becoming educated? How might her story have been different if education opportunities were more readily available? As a young American woman with relatively easy access to a good education, how does Immaculee's story impact you? (First person is acceptable for the last portion of this essay.)
3. Describe Immaculee's inner journey from disbelief to anger, to forgiveness, and ultimately to peace. What were the specific aspects of her internal struggle and what do you see as the most important forces that impacted her? What particular elements of her faith aided her?
4. Immaculee's departure from the bathroom is a cause for celebration, but in many ways it is also the moment her real troubles begin. Describe the losses Immaculee faces and overcomes to rebuild her life after the genocide. Is it more admirable to have found a way to survive the genocide, or to have found a way to forgive her oppressors in the midst of her suffering?