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Period:

"If We Must Die" - Claude McKay

Extended Response:

Not to exceed one page in length (handwritten or typed, double spaced), answer the following question. **What is McKay's intended purpose and effect of "If We Must Die"(A), and *how* does he make his point? (B)**

Your response should have a claim in the form of a topic sentence following this template.

>> By/through (B), McKay targets black males in the 1920s in his poem "If We Must Die" in order to (A).

Your response should also include evidence from the text, commentary/explanation of the reason, and evaluation of **how** McKay makes his point (ie. what strategies does he use/ their impact, or intended impact, on the audience). Evidence should include specific line numbers with parenthetical citation. Quotes should be properly integrated into your response; quote bombs will receive a **zero** for the evidence category.

****When citing lines of a poem, be sure to provide backslashes / to separate each line of the poem****

Your response should be uniquely your own; while comprehension questions and brainstorming can be worked on in groups, I am ultimately grading your extended response. Any remote similarities to another student in idea or verbiage will be grounds for an automatic zero.

Grading is as follows:

Claim	-	5pts
Evidence	-	5pts
Explanation of Evidence	-	5pts
Explanation of Method	-	5pts
Grammar Skill /Coherency	-	5pts

Points: 25 points