

## **Reflective Essay structure for Kill the Possum**

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Year 10 Final Assessment Task

**Task:** You are required to write a 2 A 4 page (font 12) reflection on the violence, intimidation and betrayal as portrayed in this novel. Identify and then discuss the issues and consequences of the above with reference to the characters and events in the text. Use all of the notes you have taken on the character profiles, time-line, and references to violence.

**Introduction :** The introduction re-states the question and gives a brief overview of the topic and your opinion. You should make reference to the following violence, intimidation and betrayal in a general sense stating that these ideas are seen in the novel Kill the Possum by James Moloney.

**Body: Each paragraph should have the following:**

1. Topic sentence with one main idea
2. Explanation of point/idea
3. Justification - quote from the novel ( Dylan, p23)
4. Link back to the question

**Paragraph 1 - Violence:** You could write 2 paragraphs on this.

- lan's violence- verbal
- Dylan's /Tim's planing of a violence act

1. topic sentence: general info about violence in domestic violence
2. explain -link in novel ideas (character, event)
3. justify- quote
4. link back to question

**Paragraph 2 - Intimidation**

1. topic sentence: general info about intimidation in domestic violence
2. explain - link in novel ideas about lan's intimidation of the Beals ( Louise, Tim Kirsty)
3. justify - using a quote from the text
4. link back to the question

**Paragraph 3 - Betrayal**

1. topic sentence: general info about betrayal in domestic violence
2. explain - link in novel ideas about lan's betrayal of the Beals ( Louise, Tim Kirsty) and Peter (Dylan's father) betrayal of him when he was one.
3. justify - using a quote from the text
4. link back to the question

**Conclusion**

Write about each issue violence, intimidation and betrayal in a board sense, then draw in your ideas with reference to the novel.

**How to quote:** Indent on a new line and cite as below

Quote.....( who said it what page) e.g. (Dylan p23)