I AM DAVID: Critical Essay

After reading the novel, I Am David, by Anne Holm, select one of the topics below.

Write a five paragraph essay response.

Support your inferences with evidence from the text either by direct quotation or paraphrasing. Write the page number after each quotation so that you can find it again later.

E.g. David expresses his newfound desire to live when he says, “Freedom and a country where he could live in safety: David wanted both” (63).

Essays should include an introductory paragraph that outlines the three main points that will be discussed in the body of the essay.

Essay should have a clear concluding paragraph that summarizes the main inferences from the body of the essay.

Topics:

**Symbolism in I Am David**

Anne Holm uses many symbols in the novel, I Am David, to describe, character, mood, and theme. Identify three symbols used in the novel and describe what they mean. Explain how the symbols used give the reader important information about character, mood, or theme in the novel. Be sure to give evidence for your inferences from the text.

**Learning from Conflict in I Am David**

David faces many struggles in his journey from the prison camp to the safely of Denmark. Conflict is an essential component of plot within the rising action of a novel like, *I Am David.* Identify three major conflicts that David must overcome during his journey and explain what he learns by facing each. Be sure to give evidence for your inferences from the text.

**Freedom in I Am David**

Freedom is a complex theme in Anne Holm’s novel, I Am David. In the prison camp, David had no freedom but soon begins to learn what freedom is from the places he goes and people he meets.

**Describe three people or events that help David understand what freedom is.**

Explain the type of freedom shown by these interactions and how David comes to understand it. Be sure to give evidence for your inferences from the text.

**Outline for a Five-Paragraph Essay**

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	1. **Introductory statement**s:
	2. **Thesis statement:**
2. **Body**
	1. **First Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence):**
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	2. **Second Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence):**
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	3. **Third Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence):**
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3. **Conclusion**
	1. **Closing statements:**

 * 1. **Restate thesis:**

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