Ru Final Paper

**1.Focus on this question:**

**How does the narrator in Kim Thuy’s novel**Ru **explicate the refugee experience in modern day Canada? What does this say about the nature of the Vietnamese diaspora?**

**2. Look at these questions to generate your claim:**

1. What do you think of the portrayal of immigration to Quebec in the 1970s in this book? How might the experience be similar or different in 2014?

2. The short chapters of this novel make it unique. What was your reaction to the structure? Did you find yourself making connections between the chapters?

3. This is a story of political oppression and the loss of human rights, but it is also funny. What is the purpose of humor in a tragic story? What does humor do for the main character? What does it do for you as a reader?

4. The word ‘ru’ means a lullaby in Vietnamese and in French, a stream. How are these two meanings reflected in the book?

5. The American Dream plays a significant part in the narrator’s life. What does her version of it look like? Does she achieve it?

6. Although the narrator of Ru is a fictional character, the author has told the press that the experiences in book accurately reflect her own recollections. How does knowing more about an author’s life change your experience of reading their fiction?

7. If this book were presented as a non-fiction book that is based on fact, would your experience reading it change? Why do you think the author chose to call it a ‘novel’?

**3. Use one of the academic papers to help elevate your point.**

See blog for these papers!!

**4. Follow the basic structure to complete your ideas. Bring this to class tomorrow to complete your final in class essay.**

1. Hook / literary theory used:
2. Quote from outside source:
3. Answer the elements of the question:
4. Introduce the Author:
5. Make a Claim:
6. Explain the claim as it relates to your literary theory:

Body Paragraph(s):

Framework:

Evidence:

Explain the two:

Conclusion:

1. Idea Revisited:
2. Detail about the Idea:
3. Brief Quote from Journal:
4. Final Point Brought from Intro and explored further: