

*Lab Girl or Explosions of Joy*  
MLA Essay

Write your essay on a separate doc which is accurately formatted in MLA. Write an essay around 500 words in proper MLA format on one of the following topics:

**Lab Girl:** One of the literary tropes Jahren uses in her memoir is the comparison of plant life with human life. In an essay, talk about the parallels she draws between her subjects and herself/humans. In what ways are humans all similar to our rooted, blossoming brethren? Use details from the book to support your answer, include in-text citations and a Works Cited page.

**Explosions of Joy:** Paul Yin offers assistance to many people in need throughout his life journey. Identify key ways Paul Yin experiences personal growth as he helps others. Explore whether individual growth that takes place while helping others evidences a universal human truth. Use details from the book to support your answer and include in-text citations with a Works Cited page.

As a reminder, MLA format must include:

- The proper heading, spacing, font, font size, pagination, title placement, in-text citations, separate works cited page, the word count only includes the text of the essay (not the works cited page), in-text citations must match the signal words on the works cited page.
- Your essay should be 4-6 paragraphs with the thesis sentence being the last sentence of the first paragraph.
- You *MAY* use one additional source if desired in order to respond to the prompt. The source must be cited correctly and
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