

WRITING ABOUT READING: LITERARY ESSAYS

ADDITIONAL ESSAY LEADS

Lead #1

Some researchers suggest there are stages to accepting death or great loss. These stages include denial, anger, and finally acceptance. Characters in Chris Crutcher's book, *The Crazy Horse Electric Game*, go through these stages as they deal with a great loss in their lives.

Lead #2

The headlines of recent newspapers spotlight our nation's desperate search for justice. Did our president knowingly deceive us about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction in order to take us into war? Was the office of the vice president involved in criminal deception to the grand jury? Questions about right and wrong are basic to what it means to be human. In the tragic play *Hamlet*, Shakespeare explores this fundamental aspect of life. The play suggests that, in a world filled with corruption and betrayal, it is difficult to live as just people because our information is inevitably fragmented and because a person who walks this path is doomed to loneliness, unsure of whom to trust and therefore alienated from the world.