

Imaginary Dialogue Between Ishmael and Zira (15%)

Instructions: In this written assignment of between 750 and 1000 words, you will have to role-play the opposing views of Ishmael and Zira in an imaginary conversation about helping humans to thrive on the Planet of the Apes.

You will have to reproduce a dialogue similar to that found in the novel *Ishmael*. Imagine that this discussion takes place on the Planet of the Apes (as depicted in the eponymous movie). Imagine that Zira is the student of Ishmael.

The first part of the dialogue should elaborate on Zira's ethical dilemma to help (or not) Colonel Taylor escape from his captors, thus allowing (or not) humans to thrive again on this planet. Based on the movie *Planet of the Apes* that we watched in class, is Zira likely to aid or refuse to aid Taylor? *Invent* reasons that Zira would provide to justify her position.

Then, have Ishmael respond to Zira by talking about the risks of helping humans to thrive on the Planet of the Apes. Ishmael should explain to Zira what Taylor's world view is likely to be and what could happen if there are too many humans with this world view. Continue the dialogue by alternating roles.

As in the novel *Ishmael*, your dialogue should be dominated by the character Ishmael (not Zira).

As indicated in the course outline, **1 mark** (out of 15) will be deducted from the mark of an assignment for each *calendar day* it is late.