

Week 4 Writing Activity: Concise Writing II

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1 Concise Writing II: Outline, Abstract, Leadership

Having read the essay *Solitude and Leadership* by William Deresiewicz, complete the following questions and exercises:

1. Create a visual outline below of the essay.
2. Write an abstract that summarizes the essay in a few sentences.
3. The author illustrates broken leadership with episodes from the historical novel *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad. Discuss how these episodes illustrate the difference between good and bad leadership, and the meaning of work.
4. For what purpose does the author bring up the story of Gen. David Petraeus?
5. Finally, reflect here on the role of multitasking in your college life this semester. Discuss why you do or do not multitask, or the extent to which you do and why.