

ASSIGNMENT

Class: XII

Topic: Deep Water

A) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

- a) Why was the YMCA pool considered safe? What did Douglas' mother warn him about and why?
- b) Who was the boy who threw Douglas into the water? Why do you think he did this?
- c) What did Douglas mean by saying, "The instructor was finished, but I was not?"
- d) Why did Douglas choose YMCA pool for learning swimming?
- e) Why did Douglas avoid the pool whenever he could?
- f) What physical complexes did Douglas suffer from?
- g) What was the reaction of Douglas' father when Douglas was knocked down at the beach by a wave?
- h) What happened when Douglas went down the second time? What did he feel?
- i) How did Douglas' will to live grow in intensity?
- j) What did Douglas mean by saying, "All we have to fear is fear itself"?
- k) How did he put himself to test? What was the outcome?
- l) Explain the writer's first attempt to come out of the pool.
- m) Why was the writer's second attempt to come out of the pool as unsuccessful as the first?

B) Answer the following questions in 125-150 words:

- 1) What impression do you form of the narrator from his autobiographical account?
- 2) Describe Douglas' experience of learning to swim by hiring a professional tutor.