**Profiles Questions**

Answer the following questions:

1. Who is the audience?

The audience is individuals who learn how to write a good profile.

1. A good profile story paints a portrait of a person(s) or place in words. Did the author capture the character, spirit and style of his subjects? Why or why not?

The author’s subject is his father who is a person of experience the Biafran war. The author describes his father’s background when he was a child and illustrates his father’s spirit when the author describes the war experience. His father has a responsibility that takes care of his younger brother. And his father has a psychic trauma because of the war. Capturing the character, spirit, and style of his subjects is significant to depict his figure.

1. Profiles must have an angle, a primary theme. What is the angle of this profile?

The angle is the Biafran war and what effect did it have on those who had experienced the war.

1. Engaging details: Good profiles “show, instead of telling.” Give an example of showing instead of telling used in the essay.

“Five people had passed him, no sight of Okey. The people had passed him. Twenty, thirty, and still he had not seen Okey. He was about to give up when he saw his brother running towards home. Donatus could feel himself get lighter.” The detail illustrates that Donatus was very worried about his younger brother.

1. Engaging details: Which of the five senses were used? Give an example of using one of the five senses in this essay and cite the page.

Sound: “The ideal representation of a perfect picture. ‘Boom!’ A loud explosion followed.”

1. A profile cannot be complete without quotes. How effective were the quotes the author included? Why or why not? Explain.

One of the quotes: “Call me again tomorrow, I will think about it.” This quote clearly illustrates Donatus’s reaction when the author asked him about the Biafran war. The sentence “I will think about it.” meant Donatus tried to avoid talking about the experience. It also implied that the war brought a negative influence on Donatus.

1. What tone (serious, humorous, sad, etc.) is conveyed? Explain.

The tone is serious. Words “turmoil”, “haven”, “destroyed”, “explosion”, “wail” and so on takes the reader into a heroic war scene.

1. What is the dominant impression you are left with after you finished reading the article?

The dominant impression I am left with is Donatus’s father’s reaction when the war erupted. He methodically led his family out of the danger zone.

1. What is the strength of this essay? What could be improved?

The strength is that the essay described the influence of war brought on Donatus by showing Donatus’s reaction. The improvement is that the essay can add more materials and information about the Biafran war.