

On-Demand Writing

Writing Situation:

In “By the Waters of Babylon,” John returns home and wants to share his new-found knowledge with his village. His father warns him about the dangers of disclosing too much knowledge, reminding John that “truth is a hard deer to hunt. If you eat too much truth at once, you may die of the truth” (104).

Think about how this advice still applies to our society. What dangers could people in our society face by gaining knowledge too fast? Are there instances when it is acceptable for a government to withhold information from its people?

Writing Directions:

Write an editorial for a local newspaper presenting your argument on this issue. Remember to provide evidence and examples to support your points.