

*The ripples of the water created an illusion of many moons,
connected, bouncing along in syncopation with their laughter,
a liquid string of glowing pearls.*

FINAL ANALYSIS

Having finished a critical read of Thread for Pearls, you are ready to consider its messages and implications on various themes that surface or simmer just below in Dr. Speeth's writing.

Your assignment is to evaluate **each** of the following questions or statements (1-5) as it relates to the text, your journal entries and your own life experiences. **In addition, you are to develop prompt 6.**

Within your responses, reference the novel, as well as any other discussions or sources that support your thesis. With the exception of supporting quotations, write the essay in your own words. With the exception of **prompt 6 (100-200 words)**, each response warrants at least 100 words.

1. Discuss the idea that how we are raised determines who we become. Incorporate examples of Fiona's upbringing and outcomes.
2. Compare or contrast an event or experience in Fiona's life to something you've experienced. What are the lessons for each of you?
3. Pick the character who reached you or formed lingering impressions, and discuss why.
4. Consider the adults in Fiona's life. Give examples of those whose guidance came in the form of criticism and those who used encouragement. How did each affect Fiona's sense of self?
5. Reach into the character of the mother, Peggy, and the father, Wolf. How did their conflict resolution and communication styles affect Fiona's upbringing and character?
6. Discuss your reaction to the end of the story. Then, write a new ending (**100 words**) to the book. It may resolve the original story or foreshadow a sequel (Don't evaluate the current one or plan a new one. Write a new ending.)