

“Made for More” Confirmation Assignment

The Assignment: A required part of the Confirmation preparation process will be a short reflection paper on the book “Made for More” by Curtis Martin. After reading the book, each student will need to write a 500-1,000 word (roughly 2-4 pages double spaced) reflection essay. This paper will be due on or before our meeting on October 2, 2016. The essay can be emailed to me (mhtdre@gmail.com) or printed and turned in. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

The Book: I chose this book for two reasons. The first is because this book provides a basic apologetic (defense) of Christianity and Catholicism. The other reason is because Curtis Martin raises and answers the important questions concerning the meaning of life, one’s purpose in life, and our search for happiness. From the back of the book:

While everything you do –and every decision you make–is aimed at making you happy, you may step back from time to time and ask yourself, “Why am I here?” and “Is there a deeper meaning to life?” To find these answers, you need go beyond the distractions of the world and be open to discovering your true purpose and self-potential.

If you find your true purpose, you’ll discover that you really are “made for more” than what our culture has to offer. You’ll see life as the adventure it’s meant to be, and you’ll find that you have an irreplaceable role to play in the world. This will set you on a path toward true peace and contentment that will last for the rest of your life –and into eternity.

What to Write: After reading the book, please write a personal reflection. I am not looking for a formal book review or a summary of the book. Rather, I want to know what you thought of the book. Was there anything in the book that stood out to you? What did you like about the book? What didn’t you like? Did you find his arguments compelling or did you disagree with him? Did you relate to his personal testimony? Please feel free to answer any/all of these prompt questions or write about anything else that God put on your heart while reading this book.

How to Write: I am not terribly concerned about spelling and grammar. However, I do want all of the assignments to:

- Be typed
- Have a title
- Use Times New Roman 12pt font
- Be 500-1,000 words long
- Have all quotes from the book cited with a page number
- Include your name and the date in the header
- Include page numbers in the footer