

Proposal Research about the work of Ed Bullins, specifically “I am Lucy Terry”

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Introduction

My artifact, “I am Lucy Terry” by Ed Bullins was paper, textured, a little worn out while remaining put together. There is also slight discoloration that comes naturally because of its life through the years. It was typed and had illustrations on the front cover, introducing two of the characters to the reader and the audience. The first most prominent figure that takes up the majority of the cover is an African American male who appears to be fixing his jacket to make sure he’s looking nice. The second figure who appears slightly more in the distance is an African American woman who is wearing a dress and appears to be amused by the male slightly in front of her. She has a sort of mesmerized look on her face that makes her seem as though the man did something to draw her attention, possibly his appearance of being slightly dressed up. The book is medium sized.

The artifact made me think of some kind of far off love or infatuation with someone because she is looking at him from a distance. It is almost as if she can’t be with him similar to a Romeo and Juliet type of story.

I care about many things in my life, but mostly family, friends, and my education. Family and friends are important because it is valuable to always surround yourself with good people that support you in life and make life more enjoyable. My education is important to me because it will give me opportunities for a good life, and the tools to execute my passions.

This play is about a young slave that is being illegally educated by her mistress. So, in this case education is so important to the slave that she is willing to become educated secretly and against the law. Her mistress must also see the value in education for willingly break the law in order to do this for her. It also proves that the author believes that everyone should have an education which is very important. The young slave also falls in love with a free black prince which creates a problem in the story, for it is very similar to the forbidden love of Romeo and Juliet. This is what will ultimately make the story even more exciting to the reader or to the audience. I hope the audience will gain a sense of the importance of education and the hardships of African Americans to gather the education they want and deserve.