“The Not-Me Generation”

1. Explain the meaning and purpose of the title of this essay.

2. Identify the thesis of this essay, and explain why it is placed where it is in the essay.

3. Identify the two anecdotes used by the author: explain where and why each is used.

4. Diction is the art of effective word choice. Explain the effect of each of the following in the essay:

a) “mea culpa” (paragraph 2)

b) “The agents of blame eradication” (para. 3)

c) “a face-lift of the facts” (para. 6)

d) “cachet of medical recognition” (para. 7)

5. Explain three details about the author’s intended audience.

6. Identify the author’s level of language and explain why it is appropriate.

7. Explain the author’s allusion to Jeffrey Dahmer.

8. Explain with specific references to the essay, how each of the following is used effectively:

a) a quotation

b) sarcasm

c) connotation