**Scholarly Year 4 Term 4 Week 4 Writing Homework**

***Writing******Homework:****Using the story starter provided, craft a narrative that delves deep into Rick’s internal struggle during a pivotal day at the mill. Focus on the visceral weight of his moral burden, the physical manifestations of his fear, and the gradual transformation of terror into resolve. Show how the environment of the mill itself becomes a character in his story.*

*Rick’s hands moved mechanically at his workstation, his mind elsewhere. Hidden beneath the floorboards lay evidence of the factory’s darkest secrets – violations that haunted his conscience. As the machines roared overhead, he wrestled with an impossible choice: speak up and risk everything, or remain silent and live with the guilt.*

He would be fired if he announced the secret but if the secret wasn’t spread, he’d be haunted with guilt every moment. Rick stumbled into the mill, ready to face another day of gloom and despair. The overseer gazed over the workers like an eagle searching for wounded prey. Rick started working, each movement pleading that his knowledge of the secret would remain undiscovered.

A sudden scream filled Rick’s ears as Gloria, one of the oldest workers, plunged into the unknown darkness below the floorboards. All Rick could feel was panic, young Jimmy’s cry, the overseer’s curse, and Edward’s yell of alarm as he watched in horror. It was the 7th time this month it had happened. Every few days, a part of the floorboards will collapse, bringing one of the workers down into the darkness below. Rick knew he had to bring an end to this.

Rick’s stomach twisted as he held the evidence firm, ready to confront the overseer. The overseer’s face tightened and turned red with embarrassment when he saw the evidence. In a booming voice, he confronted the overseer as the crowd gathered. Rick threw the papers into the crowd as the overseer tried his best to deny it. At last, he confessed that he had been planning these “accidents” and was thinking of torturing every worker to do their best for him. Rick gleamed with pride as he watched the overseer walk through the gate for the very last time, never to be seen or heard, let alone harm the community.