### ALL I ASKING FOR IS MY BODY

### Investigations Handout 2011

READING historical fiction is a way readers can be entertained and learn about history at the same time. What’s great about Milton Murayama’s book is that it chronicles a time in history that shaped all of us who live here in Hawaii. To enhance your understanding of the book and the time period, each team member will be doing two short investigative reports (10 points each) and presenting them to the team members.

AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT starts first with identifying a topic to be researched. The choice of topic is determined by each individual team member and inspired by the reading assignment. When a topic for investigation has been chosen, the team member will research the topic, write a report, and report his/her findings back to the group.

ABOUT SOURCES: You must use at least one, but no more than two, ***credible*** source. Wikipedia, online dictionaries, and other similar online references should be avoided if you are using only one source.

THE REPORT SHOULD:

* Follow MLA format
* Be written in the investigator’s ***own words***
* Contain three paragraphs:

1. an explanation of the topic chosen and what incident/part of the book inspired the choice (introduction),
2. what the investigator found out about the topic (body)
3. how researching the topic enhanced the investigator’s understanding of the book (conclusion).

* include ***correctly formatted*** works cited page with an entry for the novel.

\*Because the research will most likely be done on the Internet, investigators should follow the formatting requirements as presented in **Electronic Sources MLA Style**.

TOPICS: Anything can be investigated, but students should keep in mind that the idea is to get a better picture of the life of a plantation worker in the 1930s. Once a topic has been investigated, that topic becomes off limits to the other group members. Also, sharing of information between groups or classes is strictly prohibited! Use your own brains and creativity for this!

TURN IN: Each student should turn in a short report (MLA formatted), a properly formatted works cited page (which includes an entry for the novel), a print out of salient source(s) pages ***with the info used from that source highlighted***, and the visual (optional).

***To avoid plagiarism you must paraphrase and cite sources properly. On the source material, highlight the information you incorporated in your report. Plagiarized reports will earn a zero and a referral. If you have concerns about plagiarism, please let me see the report and source before the due date. A report must include both a print out of the source(s) you used and a works cited page, otherwise it will be returned and considered late***