

English 201-section 1303 Introduction to Literature
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Fiction Assignment

This assignment is due by February 22nd and should be 750-800 words. Please submit via Blackboard.

In this essay you will present a personal reaction, opinion or analysis of one or more short stories. You can choose any of the stories in the textbook, but it might help if you choose one of the stories we discuss in class.

1. Analyze in depth a particular short story. You can talk about the structure, the meaning, symbolism, the way it connects to the writer's life, or any other aspect of the story that inspires you.
2. Compare two stories by different authors, either contemporaries (who were writing at the same time) or authors who lived in different eras. Compare the structure, themes, use of language or anything else that strikes you. Do certain themes such as love and death remain constant? How is the message relevant today?
3. Write a short story inspired by one of the stories in the textbook. If you choose this option you will need to write a page (200-250 words) explaining what inspired you in the original story, and how you have used it to create a new work.

A first draft or written description of your idea is due by February 13th for peer review. The final paper is due by February 22nd.

Rubric

A –The essay is interesting, original, and focused. It is easy to follow, has a clear beginning, middle and end and sticks to the point. The writing shows comprehension of work we have studied in class.

B— Paper is mostly consistent and interesting but lacks focus in parts, or is difficult to follow. The writing shows some comprehension of work we have studied in class.

C— Paper is somewhat consistent and has some points of interest but is mostly confusing. The writing shows little comprehension of work we have studied in class.

D — Paper shows some effort but either doesn't use textbook material or does not make sense.

F— There is no paper.