

English 201-section 1303 Introduction to Literature
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Research Paper

This assignment is due by May 10th and should be 700-800 words. Please submit via Blackboard.

In this research paper you will create a structured essay containing a unique thesis relating to one of the genres we have studied: poetry, fiction, or drama.

You can use one of your prior essays as a basis for this paper, or you can start with a new idea. Whichever genre you choose to write about, show a way that the work or works you discuss is/are relevant to you. You can show this by discussing theme, language, environment, character, relationship, or any topic that you are passionate about in relation to the texts we have discussed.

You will use proper MLA formatting for this text with at least 5 in-text citations. The most important sources for this essay are:

1. The source material
2. Your response to the source material
3. Respected opinions about the source material.

Please include a list of Works Cited at the end of the paper.

A first draft or written description of your idea is due by May 1st for peer review.
The final paper is due by May 10th.

Rubric

A – Paper has a clear thesis that is followed through. The essay makes sense, is interesting and has a clear conclusion, and uses proper MLA citations.

B— Paper is mostly consistent and interesting but lacks focus in parts, and has mostly correct citations.

C— Paper is somewhat consistent and has some points of interest but is mostly confusing, and has either no or very few citations.

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

F— There is no paper.