

All Essays

- 3 pages with MLA formatted Work Cited (Research paper will be 6 pages)
- Minimum of two sources for each essay (Research paper will use 4 sources)
- Essays must be typed, double spaced, 1" margins, Times New Roman font, 12 pt font size
- In top left corner, include your name, class name, instructor name, and date
- Essays must have title, top of essay, centered
- Formal, typed outline must be approved by instructor before you begin 1st draft
- Minimum of two rough drafts must be completed, edited and revised before final draft turned is printed and handed in.

FORM (Quality of Writing)

- ___ (1) Introduce subject and thesis
- ___ (2) Thesis: Make a clear point & explain your evidence
- ___ (3) Support thesis with detailed points & examples
- ___ (4) In-text citations properly formatted
- ___ (5) Work cited properly formatted
- ___ (6) Detailed & clear topic sentences for each paragraph
- ___ (7) Transitions

CONTENT (Quality of Thinking)

- ___ (8) Detailed support for each idea
- ___ (9) Paragraphs fully developed & coherent
- ___ (10) don't quote too much (no long quotes)
- ___ (11) no Plagiarism

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

- ___ (12) Write clear, error-free sentences

Essay #1 Poetry Essay (outline 25 pts; essay 100pts)

Chose one poem or a group of 2-3 poems. You need to explain the concept of poetry. You need to explain the form and content of the poem(s) you chose. You also need to talk about the author and the historical context in which the poem was written; however, the author and the historical context do not need to be the focus of your essay. You need to use a least one outside source in addition to your textbook.

Essay #2 Drama Essay (outline 25 pts; essay 100pts)

Chose one of the three plays discussed in class. You need to explain the concept of drama and the parts/process of drama in your essay. You need to explore a theme in drama you chose by creating a specific thesis argument about the meaning of the text. You also need to talk about the author and the historical context in which the drama was written; however, the author and the historical context do not need to be the focus of your essay. You need to use a least one outside source in addition to your textbook.

Essay #3 Novel Essay (outline 25 pts; essay 100pts)

You need to explore a theme in the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by creating a specific thesis argument about the meaning of the text. You also need to talk about the author and the historical context in which the drama was written; however, the author and the historical context do not need to be the focus of your essay. You need to use a least one outside source in addition to the novel.

Essay #4 Short Story Essay (outline 25 pts; essay 100pts)

Chose one of the short stories discussed in class. You need to explore a theme in the story you chose by creating a specific thesis argument about the meaning of the text. You also need to talk about the author and the historical context in which the drama was written; however, the author and the historical context do not need to be the focus of your essay. You need to use a least one outside source in addition to your textbook.

Research Paper (outline 50 pts; essay 150pts)

Chose another text discussed in class (but not one you have already written about). You need to explore a theme in the story you chose by creating a specific thesis argument about the meaning of the text. You also need to talk about the author and the historical context in which the drama was written; however, the author and the historical context do not need to be the focus of your essay. You need to use a least three outside source in addition to your textbook. This essay will be 6 pages.

Final Exam: In-class Essay (essay 100pts)

Details to be announced at the end of the semester.