

Major Literary Analysis Paper- Quarter 1

Assignment: In a formal researched paper, you will discuss a topic of your choice from a literary book read outside of class (From the assigned book list). You will also need to find a minimum of **four** other sources (each person in each group finds a separate source) to use as support in your literary analysis. These sources will include general literary criticism articles, information found on your novel from online or text sources, and other literary criticism about your topic or novel. You will be completing your paper in a series of steps to assure adequate progress is being made. MLA format is required for the final draft. All cited sources must be included in a works cited page. **KEEP ALL MATERIALS IN A SAFE FOLDER** (electronically or hard copy)!

Use the following checklist to help guide you as you are working on your paper. Although not all deadlines are carved into stone, you must get each step approved in a conference with your teacher before moving on to the next step if you want to receive full credit. Some credit will be given for “checkpoints” throughout as listed in bold print below.

Procedure:

- _____ Choose a literary work from the list and email your teacher on the assigned due date for approval
- _____ Read your book in its entirety! Annotate as you read. Pick quotes that interest you. (Look for topics to choose to write about, from general literary elements to specific passages.)
- _____ Complete 4 formal article analyses for your novel - choose articles and annotate first (must be submitted to your teacher with highlights/annotations)
- _____ In-class timed open-ended prompt essay on novel: Date will be given 2nd quarter
- _____ Keep bibliographic information in a safe place as you read and research for your Works Cited
- _____ Choose and submit thesis you will write about- **August 9th or August 10th (block day)**
- _____ Find at least 10 quotes from sources dealing with the topic (included with outline)
- _____ Develop a detailed outline with all major supports/evidence for paper- **August 30th or 31st**
- _____ Submit your introduction and 1st body paragraph– **September 11th**
- _____ Typed outline for your presentation stating who will present which information – **September 19th**
- _____ Edit, revise, edit, revise, peer edit again, & **reflect** on your strengths and weaknesses.
- _____ Final draft- **2nd Quarter**

NOTE- Throw away nothing during the process in case I ask for evidence or need to see it. Since this is a project, you must submit items on the assigned due date to receive full credit, even if you are sick or out of town.

Presentation must include the following:

- Title and author
- Main characters and their dominant traits
- Major plot events using actions
- Setting
- Point of view
- Important symbols
- 3 quotes- not cliché to the novel and how they relate to theme of book
- Extra item (motif, dominant style element, etc.)