

Short Fiction Literary Argument Essay

Your assignment is to write a 4-6 page, original, unresearched literary argument essay on one of the short stories we have read so far. You may also choose to write comparatively on a theme that shows up in two of the stories. You may not make use of secondary sources of literary criticism on the story itself. You may, however, conduct contextualizing research (cultural, historical, etc.) as necessary. Use current MLA style to format your essay, including in-text citations and works cited pages.

Your essay should contain the following:

- a substantive and sophisticated interpretive claim (15% on rubric)
- ample supporting evidence from the text (20% on rubric)
- well-developed commentary and analysis of each piece of evidence (20% on rubric)
- clear and effective organization (20% on rubric)
- originality of thought/perspective (10% on rubric)
- stylistic maturity (including attention to conventions and proofreading) (15% on rubric)

STEP	DEADLINE
Paper Proposal/Planning	<i>To GC before class Thursday 9/14</i>
Preliminary Evidence List	<i>To GC before class Tuesday 9/19</i>
Refined Thesis Claim	<i>To GC before class Thursday 9/21</i>
Begin Drafting/Progress	<i>To GC before class Tuesday 9/26</i>
Writing Conferences	<i>During Class Tuesday 9/26</i>
Full Draft	<i>To GC and print out 2 hard copies before class on Thursday 9/28</i>
Peer Review Workshop	<i>During Class Thursday 9/28</i>
Final Draft	<i>During Class Monday 10/2</i>