



***Candide* Essay**

Choose one of the following essays to write.

1. It may be possible that the only "best of all possible worlds" that appears in *Candide* is the mythical land of Eldorado. Even Pangloss admits the failure of his philosophy (though he hangs on to it because that's what philosophers do). You are to write a 1 ½ to 2 ½ page paper that then explains, if Eldorado is the best of all possible worlds, why then do Candide and Cacambo leave? Does their leaving contradict the ending of the book? Support it? Do they regret their departure or not? Be specific and make sure you have a strong thesis.
2. Take one of the specific targets of Voltaire's satire, and write a paper that states what the author's thesis about that target seems to be and then use the rest of your paper to prove that thesis. For instance: war – what does Voltaire, through numerous incidents, events, and descriptions say about war and then how does he say it. Make sure you have a strong thesis. 1 ½ to 2 ½ pages.
3. Is man a creature of nurture or nature? What answer does the book *Candide* (and its author Voltaire) give? Use evidence found throughout the book to support your thesis. Do not echo your teachers views, but look deep into the evidence given (quotes). 1 ½ to 2 ½ pages.

For All Essays

Don't assume the reader is familiar with the question or the novel). Do your self-evaluation sheets immediately (the parts that can be filled out now). PLEASE be original (don't just repeat what we said in class). Use CITATIONS (if you don't points will be taken off). Each paragraph should have at least 1-3 quotes (not only direct – but remember you cite all types (direct, summary, paraphrase) of quotes.

All essays must be typed and double spaced – Due Tuesday – No late papers accepted – worth 500 points. Goes into this quarter.



Brainstorming

1. Choose one of the 3 essays listed above.
2. Take out a blank sheet of paper - write down (without thinking too much) everything that you can think of related to the essay you chose. Don't worry about
 - writing complete sentences
 - if your facts are right
 - if your ideas are sound

JUST WRITE! (for 10-15 minutes)

1. Find someone with the same essay choice as yours and compare your thoughts, and ideas. Begin to go through the book and look for specifics. (for 5-10 minutes). Take notes directly on brainstorming sheet
2. Repeat step 2 if time allowed.

Schedule

Monday – Dante, an excerpt from *The Inferno* page Green Book (lit)

Tuesday (essays due) & **(by the end of the day) – Dying for the Truth – Part 1 & 2 entered on Computer**

Thursday – Pablo Neruda poems due (handout)

next Wednesday (11/14) – *All Quiet on the Western Front* – book check-in – **Also primary research object due.**

Monday (11/26) – Web Page for *Dying for the Truth* due.