

Response to Literature Essay Project

DUE DATES

Final Draft Due Date: Mon., Nov. 15th

Trial Essay 1 Due Date: Fri., Oct. 29th

Trial Essay 2 Due Date: Fri., Nov. 5th

SCORING

Essay 1 (with stamp) - 25 pts. ; (without stamp) - 20 pts.

Essay 2 (with stamp) - 25 pts. ; (without stamp) - 20 pts.

Final Draft (along with Essays 1 & 2) - 50 pts.

Response to Literature Project Point Total 100 pts.

90 - 100 pts. = A

80 - 89 pts. = B

70 - 79 pts. = C

60 - 69 pts. = D

59 pts. or less = F

DESCRIPTION

In this project you will write a series of essays that respond to literature. We will read several short stories and you will analyze the theme of the story. Your goal is to explain the importance of the story. In explaining the importance, or theme, you will need to reveal how the characters realize, or do not realize, the lesson.

The first essay, due at the end of this week, is not an entire essay. This assignment only requires the introductory paragraph and a minimum of two body paragraphs. It will describe the theme of Maya Angelou's story "Mrs. Flowers", found in the Holt Literature textbook. If it is completed it will be stamped, signifying that it was completed on time. **YOU MUST KEEP THIS ASSIGNMENT BECAUSE IT WILL BE TURNED IN WITH THE REST OF THE PROJECT NOV. 15TH!**

The second essay, due at the end of next week, will be an entire essay, including the introduction, body, and concluding paragraphs. You will base this writing on the story "All Summer in a Day," by Ray Bradbury. Again, the completed essay will be stamped to signify that it was completed on time. **YOU MUST KEEP THIS ASSIGNMENT BECAUSE IT WILL BE TURNED IN WITH THE REST OF THE PROJECT NOV. 15TH!**

Finally, you will select one of these essays to rewrite and improve. The ideas will be improved using in-class collaborative techniques. Under no circumstance will you turn in an unimproved final essay that is identical, or nearly identical, to Essay 1 or 2.

All three essays will be turned in Mon., Nov. 15th.

Remember, writing is 30 % of your trimester grade!