

## Further Research Paper Requirements

- **Length: Papers must be between 8-10 pages not including Works Cited**
- Make certain to include a Works Cited portion at the end of your research paper which includes at least **five mandatory secondary sources** besides the work being studied. Be certain to distinguish quality, academic works from less literary works. Be discerning with your choices—these texts are what will give support to your voice and evidence to your words.
- All papers must follow *strict MLA guidelines* in both form and referencing. Keep an academic voice and make sure all citations are correct. Refer to your Hacker text for help
- **Plagiarism:** Using some else's words or ideas as your own and without proper acknowledgement is unacceptable practice for this class as well as this college. It is grounds for failing the class and being expelled from the school! Please make certain to properly cite and document all sources as required in the MLA guidelines.

\*\* Remember to submit a copy of your research paper to **Turnitin.com**. Papers are not considered "turned in" until a copy has been submitted to the website and a hard-copy has been turned in to me on the due date. Failure to do either will result in an automatic "F." *Reminder: Class ID# is \_\_\_\_\_ and password is \_\_\_\_\_*

### I. Requirements for Thesis Statement and Proposal: 10 points

- a) **Thesis Statement:** 5 points
  - Your thesis must reflect a critical, academic and well-reasoned argument which can be clearly developed through the rest of the paper. Remember that your thesis must control your paper's flow and always remain at the heart of your intention.
  - While developing your argument, make certain to always stay true to the integrity of your thesis. If your argument changes with your paper's development, so must your thesis!
- b) **Proposal:** 5 points
  - Your proposal should be at least one paragraph long and give further explanation about the thesis of your paper, i.e. examples for your thesis statement, particular quotes that may be examined, or specific character traits that will be highlighted.
  - This is basically in lieu of an outline, and will thus reflect a quick and general overview of your paper.

### II. Requirements for the Annotated Bibliography: 10 points

- Your annotated bibliography must list any potential secondary sources which will be used to support your argument.
- You must have **at least five sources listed**, although these sources may be added to or deducted through the writing and development stages.
- An annotation must be included with each one of the listed sources. This is merely a couple of sentences to reflect in which ways that particular source will be used, i.e. are you using it for an explication of a quote? its relevance toward a theme? its analysis of a character? Be as specific as possible. This is where the most points will be gained and lost.

\*\*\* Remember, this is all preliminary work and not "set in stone." Your thesis, argument and analysis will grow and develop as you research and write your paper!! Good Luck!!!! LK