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Ms. Lopez

ENGLISH 12 RESEARCH PAPER INFORMATION SHEET

TOPIC: Since this is a literature class, you will be writing a literature based research paper *using MLA format*. **You will argue that although your two selected titles are not part of the typical canon of high school literature, they are worthwhile novels to read.** You may substitute one outside book for one of the literature circle texts. (Using an outside text does not absolve you from your literature circle #2 response obligations.)

LENGTH: Your completed paper will be **five to seven, double spaced, typewritten pages** (excluding the Works Cited page). If it is only five pages, the fifth page should be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ filled (18 lines of text).

SOURCES: A MINIMUM OF **SIX** sources is required. You will have **two primary sources** (the two books you are arguing are good books). You will have at least **three reviews** of your literature selections (one for each book--the third can be from either book). You also must use at least **one critical review** about a classical canon piece of literature. Books on fiction technique will be helpful but not required.

NOTE CARDS: Obviously, you will need to take notes when gathering information to cite in your paper. I cannot predict exactly how many note cards you will have; however, 40 is a general number that leaves room for later editing. In order to be certain you are making ample progress, following proper format, and keeping focused on your thesis, **bibliography & note cards will be submitted for inspection & grading.**

CLASSROOM RESEARCH: WEDNESDAY, 3/7 – FRIDAY, 3/9

School Library: Monday, 3/12 – Friday, 3/16

**AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA HELP: ROOM 227
DATES & TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED**

ALL CARDS DUE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 16

OUTLINE: In order to develop your paper properly, you need to create a detailed outline from your note cards to see where you are going. This outline will be submitted for inspection (and grading), but **you must keep your own copy of the outline**. You will not be permitted to use the computer room without this outline.

OUTLINE DUE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23

**COMPUTER
ROOM:**

The class is signed up for typing time in the computer lab and the school library. It is strongly recommended that you keep a paper copy. The computer lab has Word 2007. If you type your paper elsewhere, you are still expected to adhere strictly to the given format and to be working while the class is in the lab. The computer lab will be open after school for our classes exclusively.

**TYPING TIME IS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4**

EDITING:

To ensure that your paper is focused and moving in the proper direction, **you have the option to submit your first page for review.** MLA formatting will also be examined. Expect there to be comments on your paper.

FIRST PAGE DUE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30

WORKS CITED:

This will include, in correct MLA style, only the sources that were cited in your paper. Regardless of where you decide to type your paper, your Works Cited page will be typed at school, and **you can submit your Works Cited page for corrections before the paper is due.**

WORKS CITED PAGE DUE ON MONDAY, APRIL 2

**GRADING &
SUBMISSION:**

The paper will receive **six** grades averaged into the 3rd quarter (two grades for format, two grades for content, and two grades for presentation; you may also use the 3 grades as the writing portion of your final exam). Five points will be deducted from your grades for each day late. **Being absent on the due date will not excuse you from handing in the paper on the due date.** Be sure to make other arrangements if you are absent. (Send it in with a friend, parent, carrier pigeon, St. Bernard.)

Completion of the English 12 Research Paper is a graduation requirement; ***failure to submit the paper will prevent you from graduating.*** (**Please Note – You may receive a failing grade on a submitted research paper resulting from lateness and errors and still meet the graduation requirement. However, with a failing average that quarter, it is still your responsibility to pass the course overall.)



**FINAL PAPER DUE BY 2:15 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4**

