

Essay 1 Directions

Please read and follow directions carefully.

Adhere exactly to the outline.

Write a 2-3-page (at least 500 words) **thesis-driven** essay in which you discuss one of the ideas expressed in “Overview of ‘The Most Handsome Drowned Man’” by Dean Rader (*secondary source*) about the story by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (*primary source*).

- Please write in the present verb tense for ENG 201 essays.
- Avoid generalizations and observations that are outside the bounds of the literary text you are discussing.
- Be very specific and give details.
- Do not critique/compliment the author or attempt to define what the author’s intent is with respect to the reading audience.
- Follow all formatting guidelines.

OUTLINE

Original Title

(Try to make it interesting!)

Introduction

- Identify the title and author of the *primary* source (the story). Give a very brief 2-3-sentence overview of what happens in the story.
- Identify the title and author of the *secondary* source (the article). Tell what idea from the article interests you most.
- Write a thesis statement (one sentence) that tells why you find this one idea interesting.

Body

- Support your thesis by referring to the story (*primary source*) and the article (*secondary source*).
- Include at least two quotes from the story (*primary source*) to support your thesis. Include in-text citation (author’s last name.)

- Include at least two quotes from the secondary source. Include in-text citation (author's last name).

Conclusion

- Restate (not repeat) your **thesis**.
- Sum up your main ideas.

Work Cited Page

- Include a separate Work Cited page following MLA format. Scroll down for the citation for the primary source (story). Copy the citation from the secondary source (literary article).

Academic Integrity Pledge

- Write a brief statement in which you tell in your own words why plagiarism is not a smart thing to do. Pledge that you have not engaged in it.

Citations for the stories:

Notice that a hanging indent should be used. That means indent for every line after the first one. Double space and put sources in alphabetical order.

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia. "The Most Handsome Drowned Man in the World." *An*

Introduction to Fiction. Eds. X.J. Kennedy and Dana Gioia. New York: Pearson

Longman, 2007. 536-540.

For in-text citation, place the last name of the author in parenthesis. Include page numbers only if they are available. Do not use commas; e.g. (Joyce) or (Joyce 3)