

Essay 2 Directions

This week you will write a 2-3 page first draft of the essay project you began last week. Please follow the steps below and make use of the outline at the end of these directions.

Step 1:

For this final assignment you must return to the introduction that you have already written. Be sure to incorporate any comments/corrections I made to your intro before you proceed. Be sure that your **thesis statement** (main idea) is strong and can be developed into a 2-3 page essay. Your thesis statement must clearly state a specific point of comparison between the two works of literature. Remember that the chosen works of literature are considered *primary sources*.

Step 2:

Now you must develop your thesis in the body of your essay. This means that you must show how the two works of literature you have chosen are alike in some significant way. *Be sure to include at least one quote from each work of literature and use correct in-text citation* (author's last name and title of work with page number, if there is one. For poems, include line numbers).

You can organize the essay by first discussing one work of literature and then moving on to discuss the second work of literature, or you can jump back and forth from one work to the next. Decide which organizational method works best for you. Often it is easier and more clear to discuss one work completely and then move on to the next work.

Step 3:

Write a good conclusion that reiterates your thesis and sums up your main points.

Step 4:

Include a Works Cited page.

Step 5

Academic Integrity Pledge

In order to be graded, all essays must contain a signed Academic Integrity pledge. On the Work Cited page, please include the following and type your name.

I hereby pledge that the information in this essay is my own original work and that all phrases or quotes taken from other sources have been correctly identified via quotation marks/in-text citation. YOUR NAME

Step 6

Review your essay against the checklist at the bottom of these directions

General Outline for Essay

Original Title

Introduction

- Identification of title of works of literature and author
- Very brief (1 or 2 sentences) overview of works under discussion
- *Thesis Statement (point of comparison between the works)*

Body

- Topic sentences to introduce the main idea of *each* paragraph
- Development of *thesis* with reference to text of the literary work
- Support of *thesis* with reference and at least one quote from each primary source, using correct MLA citation: Author's last name, title of work, page number if there is one; e.g. (Joyce, "Araby" 5). Notice punctuation.

Conclusion

- Restatement of thesis (not repetition)
- Encapsulation of main ideas
- Satisfying ending

Works Cited

Cite the primary sources for the two works of literature, using correct MLA format.

Works Cited entries will vary depending on your source. For example, for CommonLit sources the following Work Cited entry would look like the citation below (Of course, you will have to modify author, title, URL and access date for each different story or poem). I used "Araby" as an example. Below this you will find the citation for "A White Heron."

Notice that a hanging indent should be used. Indent each line after the first line.

Hughes, Langston. "Salvation." The Center for Fiction.org. Web. Accessed 00 Month

2020.

Jewitt, Sarah Orne. "A White Heron." LearningEnglish.com. Accessed 00 Month

2019.

Joyce, James. "A&P." *CommonLit.org*. CommonLit,

<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/a-p>. Accessed 00 Month 2019.

Before submitting, review your essay with this checklist.

- Use present verb tense when writing about literature.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea).
- Offer analysis and interpretation; do not simply retell the story or plot.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)
- Follow classic essay structure: introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea).
- Include at least one direct quote from each work of literature.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)
- Give your essay a good title
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)
- Use correct MLA format throughout the essay. See formatting guide and video.
- Cite correctly for quoted material. Note: Short stories, plays, and poems are all cited differently. *See special guide for the relevant genre of literature*
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)
- Sign the Academic Integrity Pledge (Pledge appears below)

- Before submitting, please read this [entire document](#) and check your essay with this list of requirements.