

## Second Analytic Paper Assignment

This paper is worth 20% of your final grade. It is the single most heavily weighted item (other than Class Participation) in terms of determining your final grade. This is your choice to show the skills you have acquired during this class for analytic writing.

The assignment: 6-8 pages, double-spaced, MLA format. Your final paper will be on a topic of your choice.

On choosing your own topic:

- \*Your topic should be focused enough to cover in 6-8 pages.
- \*Your topic should be unique and bold—you'll need to be able to produce a thesis that you're excited about and that allows you to provide an argument.
- \*Do not write about the text you focused on for your first analytic paper.
- \*Your topic must cover at least two texts we have read this semester. Your paper must discuss at least two different texts.

On paper writing (based on paper 1):

- \*A reminder: submit your first draft and your final draft to ICON on the appropriate dates, in addition to bringing a hard copy to class
- \*A note on citation: when you make a claim about a text (a claim is something that wouldn't be apparent to everyone or that may be debatable), you need to provide evidence to support that claim. When you provide evidence, you need to provide a citation, so I know where that evidence is coming from. This is true if you use ideas beyond the text that are claims (debatable, might not be accepted by everyone).
- \*A note on paragraph length: as a rule of thumb, a paragraph that is as long as 1 page (double spaced) or longer, is too long. A paragraph should consist of five or six sentences focused around one idea, which is clearly presented in your topic sentence.
- \*A note on meeting with me: I cannot stress enough how happy I am to meet with any of you at any stage of your paper writing. Especially if you feel anxious or stressed about receiving a certain grade on your paper, please bring your ideas and outline or a draft to me ahead of time...this will help you improve your paper and also alleviate the anxiety of writing a paper the night before its due.

### Timeline

Friday November 15: Topic and thesis due. You need to hand in a description of your topic, the question you'll be asking in your paper, as well as a draft of your thesis statement.

Monday November 18—Thursday November 21: I recommend meeting with me.

Friday November 22: First draft of your paper due by 10:30 A.M. (ICON and hard copy)

Over Thanksgiving break: You'll receive a copy of another student's paper to read and edit

Wednesday December 4: In-class peer revision

Monday December 9—Thursday December 12: I'll be available for meetings

Friday December 13: Final draft of paper due by 10:30 A.M. (ICON and hard copy)