

PAPER 2: RESEARCHING A WORK

DUE DATE:

Your paper's due date will vary depending on which novel you research. See syllabus for specific dates. Turn papers in to the OAKS assignment folder by the beginning of class.

DESCRIPTION:

Your job in this paper is to research and summarize some of the criticism on a specific novel we're reading in class. You'll be assigned a novel to work on early in the semester. This paper has two parts.

Part 1: Biography. Your paper should begin by providing a short biography of the author of the novel you're working on. This biography should be no more than 300 words and should cite at least 3 sources, which should be listed at the end of Part 1.

Part 2: Annotated Bibliography. This section should provide a summary of at least 5 critical sources about the novel (these sources should be different than the biographical sources you used in Part 1). All of these sources in this section must be scholarly. Each entry should first list the MLA citation information for the article, followed by a paragraph summarizing the article's content. The entries in your bibliography must be alphabetized.

PRESENTATION:

You will present some of your research findings to class on the day your paper is due. You'll be part of a panel of experts on that day, consisting of all the students researching the same novel. Each presenter should prepare a power point or google slide show that discusses some of the highlights of your research. What you choose to discuss is up to you, but you should **not** simply go through each article and summarize it. Here are some options you might consider including:

- important, interesting, or significant details from the writer's life that affect the work in question
- the most important trends in the articles you read—what big, recurring issues did the critics seem mostly interested in?
- perhaps choose a single article that really interested you and carefully summarize the critic's main points and the evidence they cite
- maybe highlight a critical disagreement that you noticed in your research, a topic that critics had differing views about

Your presentation should last about 10 minutes and should include at least 3-4 slides, more if you'd like and can fit them into your 10-minute time slot. You should email me the slides before class.