

Research Paper for ENGL 2313 – Intro to American Fiction

1. Paper will be 3-4 pages in length (must be at least a full 3 pages). You will need at least four sources.
2. Paper will be in MLA format, with one-inch margins using Times New-Roman font, size 12.
3. Double-space your paper. A paper that is not double-spaced will receive an F.
4. This will be a research paper. It is not a personal essay. Therefore, the words "I" or "me" should not appear in the paper unless they are part of a quote.
5. This paper cannot be written using on-line sources. You may use books, newspaper, magazine, and/or journal articles (these are available on the library databases). You may also want to look at Contemporary Literary Criticism, Nineteenth-Century Literary Criticism, and Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism. These books are in the Reference section of the library. Each article in these books counts as a separate source.
6. Directions: Choose a writer from the American Romantic, Realist, or Modernist period, whose work we have not read, and will not read, in class. Discuss how the author and his/her writing display the characteristics of that period. To strengthen your point, use effective quotes from your sources, especially critical essays written about the author and/or the works.
7. The paper is due on the day of the final exam.

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