English 8

Comparative Analysis [MAJOR PROJECT]

What is it?

* Your next project will be a 4+ pg. essay comparing two choices of literature
* You will be analyzing and writing about two poems, short stories, books, etc.
* You will be required to use at least 5 examples of direct quotes from both texts, correctly cited in-text using MLA format (\_\_author\_\_ writes, “\_\_” plus pg. or line # in parenthesis)
* I want this to be your most professional and formal essay, the highest quality

What are you making me do?

* 12 pt. Times New Roman double-spaced, MLA format (info on top left, pg. number right)
* Write to bottom of 4th page or longer + add at end a works cited page for your 2 sources
* Choose two texts based on **how they handle a similar theme**
* Your essay should follow this organization:
	+ Introduction
		- Start with the theme and its importance to life / the world
		- Thesis: Something like “Both \_\_text 1\_\_ and \_\_text 2\_\_ address the theme of \_\_your theme\_\_\_ and \_\_\_ the crux of your comparison\_\_\_\_.”
	+ Explain text 1
		- Introduce the text, the author, some basic info on it (context)
		- Then explain the basic meaning of the text, mood, and tone
	+ Analyze text 1
		- In detail, explain how the text addresses the theme you’ve chosen… This should be larger than your basic explanation of the text
	+ Explain text 2
		- Introduce the text, the author, some basic info on it (context)
		- Then explain the basic meaning of the text, mood, and tone
	+ Analyze text 2
		- In detail, explain how the text addresses the theme you’ve chosen… This should be larger than your basic explanation of the text.
	+ Compare texts 1 and 2
		- Now that you’ve explained both texts and how they address the theme, now analyze the ways they are similar and the ways they are different in both style (writing) and approach to the theme (nuances/portrayals/attitudes)
	+ Conclusion
		- Recap what you’ve discussed thus far in the essay
		- End the essay with a final thought of how these works can help us understand this theme and how that matters for life

How many points is it worth?

* The comparative analysis is 100 points.
* Total: 100
	+ Content quality: 40
		- Introduction and conclusion (10)
		- Explanation of texts (10)
		- Analysis of texts (10)
		- Comparison of texts (10)
	+ Language: 30
		- -1 pt. for every significant grammatical error or two small errors (up to -20)
		- Up to 10 pt. for the flow of the writing, how easy it is to follow/understand
	+ MLA formatting: 30
		- Top left, top right, font and text formatting (10)
		- In-text citations (10) and works cited page MLA (10)
* Length is not part of the grade, as the assignment will not be accepted or considered complete until it is a complete 4 pages plus the MLA works cited page.

Text 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Author and year published? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Basic info/context to know? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the mood of the text? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the style of the text? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Text 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Author and year published? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Basic info/context to know? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the mood of the text? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the style of the text? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_