

ENG 2773 American Literature to 1865
Instructions for Analytic Essays

Project and Purpose	<p>Analytic Essay Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These assignments give students the opportunity to provide work that is written on a college level. • The essay assignments give students the opportunity to demonstrate their own critical thinking and analytical skill • These assignments give students the opportunity to practice incorporating quotations from primary texts smoothly into their own writing • These assignments give students the opportunity to practice providing appropriate in-text citations for quotations in accordance with MLA guidelines.
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essays will be 500-750 words in length. • Essays will be submitted to the appropriate folder in Dropbox. Please upload the essay as a Word document or pdf file. The document must be a .docx or .pdf. [NOTE: Please do not copy the essay and paste into the comment section] • Essays will be posted by due date and time [NOTE: Late Essays will be accepted up to 7 days beyond the due date but will lose 10% of the score.] • Essays are direct answers to the provided question. They will be completely written by the student without any support from secondary sources. DO NOT RESEARCH THESE ASSIGNMENTS • Student will include 4-5 brief quotations [phrases or sentences] from primary text[s] to support his/her claims. • A single word or two words are not considered to be a supporting quotation. Also, no extended quotations [more than 3 typed lines] is appropriate for these assignments. • All quotations must be cited with MLA in-text citations. A Works Cited page is also required but should include only the primary text[s] used as no secondary sources are appropriate for this assignment. • Essays must address only the assigned literature from our Course Outline. No credit is given for essays that do not address our assigned literature.
Development	<p>An essay-type question will be posted in the Dropbox folder under Instructions.</p> <p>Students will write a 500-750 word essay in response to the question in which they directly answer the question, demonstrate original analytic skill, and support their answer with appropriate quotations from the primary texts. The essays ARE NOT researched projects. No internet or secondary sources can be used for the Analytic Essays.</p> <p>The essay will contain an introduction, a well-developed body, and a conclusion. Its thesis statement should answer the question in general terms. The body should then be developed with specific examples from the primary text[s] that support the student's claim in the thesis statement. Four to five brief quotations from the primary</p>

	<p>text[s], complete with in-text citations, are necessary to add support to the essay.</p> <p>No extended quotations [over 3 typed lines] should be included.</p> <p>The essay should reflect the student's analysis and be comprised of the student's own thinking and writing, supported by the text.</p> <p>The essay will be well-written. It will be comprised of well-crafted, sophisticated, complete sentences. [Although the Essays are brief, they are still formal assignments] Essays will be free of grammatical and mechanical errors.</p>
Submission and Late Policy	<p>Submit the Analytic Essay assignment to the appropriate folder in Dropbox on our D2L site by the due date and time as listed in the Course Outline and Syllabus.</p> <p>Submissions that are copied into the comment section cannot be graded. Submissions submitted to the instructor's email cannot be graded.</p> <p>Note: All essays will be submitted to Turnitin.com for an originality report. The originality report is available to the student as well as to the instructor. Do not worry about your quoted material being flagged—that is appropriate and not a problem.</p> <p>Note: Students cannot submit work written for another class as part or all of this assignment. No credit will be given for duplicated work, even if it was originally written by the student. [See UCO Student Code of Conduct].</p>
Evaluation	<p>Essays will be evaluated according to a rubric that represents the requirements of the assignment, the quality of the response, and the support of the student's claims. The rubric's criteria are as follows:</p> <p>Criteria for these assignments will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fully meets requirements of assignment: length of essay, submitted by due date and time, addresses assigned literature, fully developed, supported with 4-5 brief quotations and includes in-text citations with MLA documentation, and no internet or secondary sources used. 10% of the score. <input type="checkbox"/> Student directly and fully answers the essay question. Answer is well-developed with specific detail and examples from the text. 40% of the score <input type="checkbox"/> Answer is well-supported. Student's claim is supported by 4 to 5 pertinent and appropriate quotations from the text. Quotations should be phrases or sentences. [However, a single word or two is not considered a supporting quotation] No extended quotations of more than 3 typed lines are appropriate for these assignments. 20% of the score. <input type="checkbox"/> Quotations are cited with appropriate in-text citations that follow MLA guidelines. Accurate MLA style Work[s] Cited page is

	<p>included. 10% of the score.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quality of writing is academic in tone with sophisticated and varied sentence structure. Paragraphs are unified and coherent. Appropriate transitional phrases are included. Essay is free of mixed constructions, errors in word usage, grammar errors, as well as spelling and mechanical errors. 20% of the score.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Note: no credit is given for the essay if the student does not address the assigned question[s] or assigned text[s] from our Course Outline.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Note: Quotations and Grammar criteria will not receive full credit if essay is underdeveloped. For example, if essay is less than 500 words, full credit will not be given for these criteria.</p>
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