

ENGLISH 2333 - Survey of World Literature: Seventeenth Century through the Present

Essay # 1 Information (Prompt)

ESSAY PROMPT

Symbolism creates a meaningful equation between (1) a specific object, scene, character, or action; and (2) ideas, values, persons, or ways of life.

For example: The mockingbird in *To Kill a Mockingbird* is often viewed as a symbol of innocence.

Write an essay in which you **analyze one symbol (you choose a symbol) in ONE of the works below (you choose one of the works below!)**

Be sure to explain the meaning of the symbol. In other words, don't just identify a symbol. Clearly address what that symbol represents in the work.

- **What is Enlightenment? by Kant p. 105-109 (Volume D)**
- **The Discourse on Method by Descartes p. 110-113 (Volume D)**
- **From A Vindication of the Rights of Woman by Wollstonecraft p. 133-136 (Volume D)**
- **Tartuffe by Moliere p. 141-197 (Volume D)**

Your thesis will look something like the example below:

Thesis: _____?_____ is a powerful symbol of _____?_____ in
Name of work by Name of author.

FORMAT

- Three pages, minimum 900 words, typed, and double spaced
- Use the MLA essay format described on the course syllabus.

- Provide **three to four** in-text citations of the **original work** to help synthesize your analysis of the text with the text's original words. Please **do not cite more than FIVE in-text citations** of the original work.
- Do not cite more than three lines of the original text at a time. ***So, in total, cite 12 lines, or less, of the original text.***
- Use an ellipsis to signal the omission of portions of an author's words.
 - Ex. The author concludes, "The public's use of one's reason must always be free. . . ." (Kant 106).
- In your in-text citations, use a signal phrase, give the author credit, and provide the page numbers for the citation.
 - Ex. The author writes, She was like a bird (Capote 13).
 - Ex. Kant notes, "Enlightenment is a man's release from his self-incurred tutelage" (105).
 - Ex. Her poetry often references God, Twice I have stood a beggar / Before the door of God! (Dickinson 84).
- **Your only source for this essay is your textbook. No external sources are required or allowed.**
- **A "Works Cited" page is required for this essay, but the only source on your Works Cited page will be the work you are choosing to analyze from our textbook (Descartes, Kant, Wollestonecraft, or Moliere). Be sure to cite the work and our textbook correctly in MLA style.**

POINT DISTRIBUTION

- 5% - Following required format
- 5% - Correct Works Cited Page (Listing the work from our textbook in MLA style)
- 10% - Synthesizing citations from the text in MLA style in the body of the essay 3-4 times
- 40% - Content (clear thesis, good supporting evidence, and sufficient detail)
- 5% - Organization (paragraphs are unified and coherent with sufficient transitions and emphasis)
- 10% - Language / Word Choice / Style
- 25% - Grammar and mechanics (standard English usage, excellent proofreading, few punctuation or grammar errors)

100 POINTS