

## The Critical Review (Alias...the dreaded Research Paper)

You will read the primary source, which is the book itself. (For example: *Brave New World* or *Pride and Prejudice*). 1. You will need to find at least three secondary sources: books, magazines, and newspaper articles. 2. You must also have at least two sources from the internet. Explore "E-library," "Galileo," scholarly journals, and other educational sites. Ask Ms. Spell for the Galileo password for the month. Remember, you must have at least 5 sources for your paper.

Things to do: 1. **Read your book before February 24 when you will write the in-class review.** 2. Be sure to take notes as you read the novel on plot, setting, characters, themes, diction, quotations, and point of view. 3. Research the book, the author, the genre, and the literary/historical period.

<b>February 24, 2012</b>	<b>Write book reviews in class.</b>
January 30	Tentative thesis statement, Tentative outline.
January 31	Media Center: Bibliography Cards (total of five due).
February 2	Media Center: Two note cards due (I want to be sure that we understand each other).
February 6	Media Center: Work on note cards
February 22	<b>Note Cards Must Be Completed</b>
February 28	<b>Final outline; final thesis statement due.</b> <b>This must be typed.</b>
March 16	<b>Typed Rough Draft due.</b>
April 13-Friday ☺	<b>Typed Final Paper Due.</b>

**You must go through the entire research process. Do not attempt to shortcut the process. Do not plagiarize! That will result in two major grades of "0" credit.**

Your final paper will contain the following:

- A. Proper heading and numbering on all pages.
- B. Introduction with thesis statement, body, and conclusion.
- C. Works Cited Page: you must follow MLA format, which includes a font of 12.

Your paper will be a minimum of six (6) typed pages and a maximum of twelve (12) typed pages. Your most important possession is a great attitude. **I am here to help you succeed! DO NOT GET BEHIND! Keep your "eyes on the prize."** Of course, I am referring to graduation. **"May I present the Graduating Class of 2012!" Doesn't that have a wonderful ring to it? Love and Kisses, Mrs. C.**

## Hints for writing the Critical Review:

1. Begin the review by identifying the title, author, and general nature of the novel.
2. Look up author's background. Discuss his qualifications in the early part of the review.
3. Write no more than 2-3 summary paragraphs of the book.
4. Discuss the author's purpose in writing this work. (Think of the audience).
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the story. You might want to check out "elements of the novel" in your textbook.
6. Give an individual response to the story.

Love and Kisses to my S C H O L A R S !



