

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

Objective: *Write a research paper analyzing a historical event that had a monumental impact on American Literature*

Length: 4-5 pages (*including your separate bibliography page*)

Format: Standard MLA Formatting; minimum 5 paragraph essay

Support: Include evidence from authors and literature studied THIS YEAR, as well as outside evidence found in primary and secondary sources. **This is a resource project. You will need to do research.**

Bibliography: You will need to provide a bibliography with all of the sources that you referenced for this project. Please make careful notes of this information during the research process. You will need to use standard MLA format for your bibliography. *This should be provided as a separate page at the end of your research paper.*

CheckMyWork: All students are required to submit their literary analysis portfolio to CheckMyWork. Please copy and paste the URL to your CheckMyWork originality report at the end of your essay. **Essays without this link will not be graded.**

Through a presentation and analysis of information drawn from various sources, research writing is used by writers to communicate facts in an unbiased form. Though it can be difficult to keep your own point of view on a subject out of the picture, the goal of a research report is to share information about a subject. More than duplicating what others have reported about a topic, *your research paper is an opportunity to interpret the thoughts of others.*

Throughout the school year, you have prepared for this project through multiple encounters with the writing process and different elements of research.

Resources to Help You:

Grolier Online® Multimedia Encyclopedia™ article "American Literature."

Choose your favorite time period in American literature and read that section of the article. Compose five questions that might form the basis of a research report about that time period. Write a possible thesis statement for a research report about the time period.

Writing with Power Online Textbook

Read ALL of Chapter 11: Research Writing of the textbook, *Writing with Power*. Pay careful attention to the model research report on pp. 391-395 and choosing a topic: pp.397-400.

English 11B: Unit 5

Your lessons in Connexus walk you through the development of this research paper. Please complete all activities outlined in this lesson to help you successfully complete this assignment.

Research Paper Graphic Organizer: Thought Web

Complete this to help you brainstorm and identify a time period and a historical event on which to focus your research paper. *****Be sure to ALSO complete the other pre-writing activities in your Unit 5 lessons on Connexus.*****

