

Rhetoric 102: Research Essay

MLA Format

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- Works Cited Page – 8 sources (minimum, not including novel) proper format (Purdue OWL)
- Proper Leads** and Citation within paper
- Headings/Running Headers/MLA format
- Length Requirement (2500-2700 words minimum)

Grammar/Conventions

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Textual Support (20-15%)

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- Incorporated both **Quotes and/or** Paraphrase
- All quotes/paraphrases are explained completely
- All quotes/paraphrases related to the thesis/ topic sentence
- Each paragraph contains textual evidence
- Includes enough textual evidence to fully support the thesis

Organization

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- Introduction and Conclusion Elements
- Thesis Statement / narrowed and specific
- Topic Sentences
- Thesis tie backs in each paragraph
- Transitions

Analysis

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- Clear application of critical theory(ies)
- Clear analysis of elements of the novel
- Outside sources support an original interpretation
- Analysis is accurate and well thought through (beyond surface)

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