

WRITING ABOUT FICTION

Revised Thesis Statement: November 17

Draft: Bring to conference (12/1 or 12/6)

Essay Due: December 8

Word Count: 2000 words + Works Cited

This essay involves revising Essay 5 as well as integrating research. We will begin by exploring a research topic and identifying areas of interest that will enhance your topic. The next step involves revising the thesis statement into a research question. And the most work-intensive step requires you to visit the library to perform your research. To help you with your research, we will spend a few class sessions discussion formulating research questions and investigating resources. We will also continue to discuss MLA style as well as evaluating your resources. On November 22nd, our Library Liaison will hold a research seminar to help with using King Library's resources. As we move through the remainder of the semester, we will discuss authoritative sources. For example, a general dictionary is *not* a valid resource; however, the *Oxford English Dictionary* is a valid resource.

Thesis Statement

Before you can really delve into your research, you will need to revise your thesis statement. (Essay 5 will be returned to you in the next two weeks to help with this, but begin on your own.) Do not change topics – it's too much work. With today's conversation in mind about formulating research questions, revise your Essay 5 thesis statement. Bring a typed, printed copy of your thesis statement on November 17 for our workshop. Email a copy to me by 8am.

Sources

Three sources are required for this assignment: one article, one book and one of your choice.

Conference

Attending the conference without a rough draft will be essentially useless so bring whatever writing you have completed.

Turning In Your Essay:

This essay is due on December 8 via email as an attachment. Late papers will receive the penalization indicated on our syllabus. Failure to follow the below requirements will result in a lower grade.

- Submit to Turnitin.com
- Typed and double-spaced in 12pt font with one inch margins
- Works Cited page in MLA format
- In-text citations in MLA style (parenthetical citation)
- Name, date, course and section number typed at the top left corner of the first page
- Name and page number typed in upper right corner of every page following the first page
- Proofread everything before you turn it in; there should be no spelling or typographical errors.