Critical Theory Presentation & Essay

I. Presentation

To gain a better understanding of at least one critical theory, each student will give a presentation (15 minutes maximum) on a particular critical model, using a passage from *Heart of Darkness* to exemplify it. The presentation will include:

1. A *brief* summary of one literary critical model (determined by the day on which you present),

2. A *brief* summary and discussion of an article from *Norton* (that is listed on the readings for your presentation day) pertaining to that model, and

3. A *brief* analysis of a sample text taken from *Heart of Darkness* or a text from the corresponding *Texts & Contexts* chapter. If you have a different text in mind, please let me know at least 1 week before your presentation.

It's your job to decide what is most important to show/tell the class. Therefore be discerning about the information and dynamic about the presentation. If you go over the time limit, your presentation grade will suffer, so please time yourself.

II. Written Essay

The week following your presentation, a 1200-word written essay is due. The essay will contain all of the elements that you presented, but in greater detail and in a formal style (MLA style, including a Works Cited). (Essay grades will be reduced for inaccurate citation and Works Cited submissions.) In addition to handing in a paper copy, your essay will be submitted to Turnitin.com for verification. (See our Course Website for instructions on how to upload. Instructions and codes will be given before the first essay is due.)

Turning In Your Essay

This written essay is due *the week following your presentation at the beginning of class*. Late papers will receive the penalization indicated on our Greensheet. Failure to follow the below requirements will result in a lower grade. Please read them carefully!

- 1200 words, typed and double-spaced in 12pt font with one inch margins
- Works Cited page (outside of the word-limit) 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
- Staple the pages together (DO NOT FOLD OR PAPERCLIP YOUR PAGES)
- Proofread everything before you turn it in; there should be no spelling or typographical errors

- Submit to Turnitin.com for verification

GRADING

You will receive two grades for this assignment: *The first* will assess your Presentation, which will be based on its effectiveness (preparation, comprehension, depth). *A second grade* will be assigned to your written Essay, which will be based on your ability to communicate your ideas in a formal piece of writing (see the "Departmental Grading Policy" on the Greensheet).