

Authors Research Paper Grading Sheet and Prompt

Write a 2,500 research paper in which you draw some conclusion about how an author's life and/or times affected his or her writings.

General Requirements

- Eight Sources Minimum—at least two sources must be from books, but all can be if you desire
- General MLA Formatting Applies
- Title Page Required
- Bibliography and Citations Required (even from paraphrased selections)
- Remember: You must cite in the text from each source listed in the bibliography
- Binder with six tabs required

Due Dates and Grade Breakdown

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| - Pick Authors | 2/4/08 | No Points |
| - Primary Sources in hand (two novel chapters; two short stories; ten poems; or a mix) | 2/19/08 | 10 Points |
| - RHA Primary Sources | 3/11/08 | 20 Points |
| - Secondary Sources in Hand | 3/11/08 | 10 Points |
| - RHA Secondary Sources | 3/24/08 | 20 Points |
| - Note Cards (Typed) | 3/24/08 | 20 Points |
| - Outline (Typed) | 3/31/08 | 20 Points |
| - Rough Draft & Peer Editing | 4/4/08 | 10 Points |
| - Final Draft | 4/7/08 | 100 Points |

Suggested Structure and Approximate Proportions

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| - Intro | 2-3 Paragraphs (400 words) |
| - Historical and Biographical Framework | 4-5 Paragraphs (600 words) |
| - Apply History and Biography to Literature | 10-12 Paragraphs (1,200 words) |
| - Conclusion | 1-2 Paragraphs (300 words) |