

Essay 2 Fall 2019

Length: **5 double-spaced pages** (font size 12)

Choose a theme/motif that you find relevant and interesting, and use it as a basis to compare 2-3 texts from the fall syllabus. If you'd like, you may check your topic with me via email, or we can meet in office hours (by appointment via email). Make sure you have a strong thesis, and use concrete examples from the texts as evidence for your arguments. The argumentation can be inspired by and based on our class discussion, but you should add to it.

The essay is due Tuesday Dec 3. Please bring a paper copy to class, and also send me an email with your essay as a word document by class time.

Rather than write your name on the front page, or top of the pages, please attach an extra sheet with your name at the end.

Don't forget to choose a title!

Include page numbers!!

Please staple your papers!!!

Here are a few general points to pay attention to:

Argument

Does the paper have a clearly stated thesis or argument? Is the thesis sophisticated and original?

Logic

Is the argument well-developed? Are there reasons to support the argument?

Textual evidence

Does the evidence support the argument?

Organization

Is the organization clear and logical?

Mechanics

Are grammar and punctuation correct; is word choice accurate; is spelling correct?

Clarity

Is the expression of ideas clear?