

Week 9 Assignments/Guidelines for Paper 1

Paper 1 Guidelines/Points to Consider

- Remember that you are making an ARGUMENT about a short story: try to use your knowledge (from composition) to create a focused thesis statement and then, in the body of the paper, be careful to try to prove the claims you make about the story
- Be sure to use specific evidence from the story itself. Unlike Blackboard Posts, where some of you make general comments, your paper has to prove its point using evidence. Without clear evidence, how can you prove your point? Don't neglect this aspect of the paper.
- While no outside sources are necessary, you can choose to use them (by searching the library databases: Academic Search Complete, JSTOR, or MLA Bibliography for full text articles). Be careful, however, to properly cite any outside sources and NOT to let them overwhelm your paper.
- Please remember to include an MLA Works Cited page (even if only for the story you are using).
- Make use of the online example papers and the online handout about Developing a Strong Thesis Statement if you are concerned about how to structure your paper.
- Don't forget that the services of the Writing Center are available. They are even giving some online feedback these days, so schedule an appointment if you think it would be helpful.

Paper Submission

I'm going to open the SafeAssign for your first paper today. The official due date for Paper 1 is Sunday night by midnight on Blackboard. Please don't wait until the last minute to start your papers, as I will check them for content, ideas, execution, grammar, clarity, and style. If you have questions, let me know, but note that, in a 2000 level English class, we expect you to use the skills you learned in composition to write your argumentative essays.

Readings/Etc.

As my previous email stated, your lecture for this week is posted. Please take some time to read the two readings (one long, one very short). There will NOT be any specific response required, though I will open an optional Discussion Board. Focus your energies on your papers and on getting the ideas of the readings, which will apply next week.