

# The Integrative Essay with Applied Interpretive Analytical Critical Approach on Your Longer Novel of Choice

*Wuthering Heights* OR *Crime and Punishment* OR *Beloved*

**Rough Draft Due: Thursday, April 25**

## Guidelines:

1. Please choose the **interpretive analytical critical** approach/perspective/frame/lens you are most drawn to or are most interested in exploring, and write your essay from the perspective appropriate to that particular **interpretive analytical critical** approach. (See your **Resource Packet #17** from Guerin et al.'s *A Handbook of Critical Approaches to Literature* and visit the copies of the most recent 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the text available in class.)
2. Your essay should pursue one opinion or interpretation in comparison and contrast to *several* other possibilities and it should build a strong argument in support of that opinion or interpretation, (i.e. Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights* is born the way he is with his soul intact, so to speak, as opposed to arguments of nurture: negative socialization, family abuse, missing father, missing mother, social status, being a street urchin, orphan, having a broken heart, etc.) You should strive to build a discussion between *three* or more issues, positions, characters, etc. (*Please do not write a comparison/contrast essay based on two variables.*)
3. Your essay should also contrast and/or compare your position to at least two other outside works at least one of which must be literary criticism. In other words, you can use these outside works to support your main claims in your thesis and/or as counter arguments which you then refute in order to strengthen your main claims.
4. Have some fun. At the college level, this is the essay that separates the thinker from the hack (or pack).

**\*Please Note:** Your novel choices are defined by the list above. Please do not work with any other novel or novella we studied this year.

## Mechanics:

- MLA Format
- minimum **five** (5) pages in length
- Works Cited page
  
- check the course website – [audinosenglishclasses.weebly.com](http://audinosenglishclasses.weebly.com) under *Resources* for reading materials to help start your research along your chosen critical approach

## Brainstorm: