

Term Paper Guidelines

Directions:

A term paper is a **five to ten minute exploration of one term** in one line or quotation or passage, as that term relates to the entire work. In short, it goes beyond mere labeling into explication and analysis. I encourage you to time your efforts when crafting your response, and to complete the analysis in no more than ten minutes. Of course you may -- indeed should -- then take your work through revision as you **type** up the piece.

Please follow the format outlined for you in the sample term paper responses in the poetry packet. You will choose your own lines or passages to explicate from reading material covered in class as well as from your independent selections. Each time you complete a term paper, you must explore the function of a different literary term.

Due Dates:

Two term paper assignments are due each grading period. One must be completed before the mid-point of the grading period. The second must be done at least one week in advance of the end of the grading period. From time to time we will write a timed term paper response in class. This counts as one of your two required pieces for that grading period.

Tips:

- Integrate quotations from your line(s) and/or passages into your explication.
- Active voice and present tense please!
- I want to see colons, semicolons and dashes. . . and ellipses.
- Place the commas and periods inside closing quotation marks.
- Underline titles or place them in quotations marks, as appropriate.
- Please use economical diction as well as artistic language: a paradox, but achievable.
- No unhappy locutions such as "there are...which," or "it is...that," "it relates to," "it shows that" and the like.
- Please explore mature vocabulary, perhaps a special new word you discovered just for this occasion.
- Allude to the term itself in its various grammatical dimensions. If the term is "allusion," for instance, I want you to include "alludes" as an active voice, present tense incarnation of the term. Or if it is "apostrophe," I want to see "apostrophize" or "apostrophizes."
- Apply legitimately related terms. A discussion of metaphor, simile, synecdoche, metonymy or allusion may also lead to mention of the work's overall imagery or tone, for example.

Grading:

I will score each of your responses with the "A.P. final scores: 5,4,3,2,1.
5=A, 4=A-, 3=B, 2=C, 1=D.

You may revise your work for a higher grade.

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