

Close Reading (40 points)

For this assignment, you will choose one word or short passage from one of the literary texts we have already read. The word or passage should be tell you something about what the text might mean or how it might affect its readers.

Once you double checked that you understand all the words in the passage using the Oxford English Dictionary, which can be accessed through the library, use the techniques we have been practicing everyday in class discussions to make an argument about what the word or passage means in the context of the rest of the text.

You do not need to do any outside research for this assignment. Focus on your word or passage and quote from the literary text to provide evidence for your argument.

Your paper should be formatted using updated MLA guidelines and typed in 12-point, Times New Roman font, double-spaced.

Grading

This assignment will be graded on the strength of your argument and the evidence you provide for that argument. Although I will not be grading for grammar or spelling, I do expect you to proofread your work before turning it in.