

Research Question & Bibliography (10 points)

Rather than a thesis statement, which asks you to *answer* a question, this assignment asks you to come up with a question to which you do not yet have an answer. Based on the readings for class and your annotations, spend some time brainstorming possible relationships between form and theme. Find a moment in one of the literary texts about which you wanted to know more. Perhaps you had a question that we didn't get around to in class or perhaps we were unable to answer your questions satisfactorily. That is your topic. For example, you might be interested in "working class relationships in *Mary Barton*" or "sonnets and gender in *Sonnets from the Portuguese*."

Using the following formula, develop a question based on that topic that will guide your research for the final paper.

I am studying topic

Because I want to find out why/how _____.

For example:

I am studying working class relationships in *Mary Barton*

Because I want to find out how realism as a genre might have affected working-class conditions in England.

Once I have approved your question, use the research techniques we have learned in class to find 5 scholarly sources that might help you to answer your question.

Grading

To receive all 10 points for this assignment, you will need to send me your question, have it approved, and include 5 properly cited MLA format citations in the document you post to Canvas.