# Suggested Format for This Paper

The paper should be at least 6-8 paragraphs minimum (depending on the number of texts you are using. (Details will follow). There is not a maximum limit, use as much space as you see fit to adequately communicate your findings.

The paper should follow the requirements in the PDF linked to the WebQuest. There is a rubric also linked to the WebQuest that lists the expectations for this paper.

The following outline is one suggested format for this paper. You may chose a different format if you so desire. If you chose a different format, be sure to include all of the required information, make sure the paper flows smoothly with the use of effective transitioning, and make sure the organization makes sense.

I. Introduction Paragraph
   a. Introduce your author
      i. Brief biographical sketch of his/her life
   b. Introduce the texts chosen
II. One paragraph per text required for this project. This means:
   a. First text
   b. Second text (if more than one was required)
   c. Third text (if more than two were required)
      i. In these paragraphs:
         1. Analyze for themes
         2. Identify and explain any key literary devices
         3. Identify and explain any key literary elements.
III. Historical Context
   a. Analyze your texts collectively or individually with the time period in which they were written.
      i. What connections can be made between key events of the time and the literature?
      ii. You may use more than one paragraph if you feel it is necessary

IV. Connections to present
    a. Analyze your texts collectively or individually and make correlations to events, beliefs, society, etc…today. What happened then that is still happening now that would make this (these) text(s) relevant today?
V. Connections to you
    a. THIS PARAGRAPH IS THE ONLY TIME WHERE USING "I" WILL BE ACCEPTABLE!
        i. What can you relate to?
        ii. Think about the texts collectively and individually.
            1. did you and author have a similar experience?
            2. Do you both have a similar belief?
            3. Does the text invoke an emotion you can identify with?
VI. Conclusion
    a. Summary of your findings
        i. Briefly tie in history and present
        ii. Leave the reader with a lasting thought
            1. Make sure the lasting thought does NOT need an explanation. For example…do not leave the reader with another thesis statement where it would need explaining.
            2. Instead…conclude with a powerful statement that will make the reader think, or possibly consider the text/author in a different light.
VII. Works Cited Page
    a. Include all of your sources
        i. Make sure it follows MLA format
        ii. Make sure web URL's are accurate
        iii. Make sure ALL of your sources are cited within your paper at least once
        iv. Make sure ALL of your quotes and phrases are properly cited

1. Review notes on plagiarism and consult the MLA website and/or see me with any questions regarding how to properly cite something within your paper
2. See me if there are any questions about paraphrasing i.e. what one is vs. a regular quote, and what to do with the citations.

Compare your paper with the requirements in the PDF to make sure all of the formatting is done as per the instructions *before* printing the paper out.

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