

Research Paper: English 112

Spring 2010

Your research paper's primary goal will be to analyze how the concept of cultural identity is explored in a literary work as well as in scholarly secondary sources. We will be using Section X, "Globalism, Nationalism, and Cultural Identity," of *The Conscious Reader* to spearhead our discussion of these ideas. Based on our conversations about Section X, you will need to choose a research question and a literary source.

Research Paper Requirements and Parameters:

You must use a minimum of 4 scholarly secondary sources. You will find these on your own through library and on-line research. These sources must be books or critical articles about your primary source or the specific aspect of the concept you wish to explore.

Your research paper must be formatted in correct MLA style, including in-text documentation and Works Cited page, as described in *The Little Brown Handbook*.

You must meet the preliminary deadlines described on the Research Paper Course Calendar; you may not turn in a step of the paper until all previous deadlines have been met successfully.

Your paper must meet the minimum length requirement of 2,500 words (not including Works Cited page).

You must avoid both intentional and non-malicious plagiarism and cite sources according to MLA Style; improper use of secondary sources or failure to meet these qualifications will drastically reduce your paper grade, which can result in a failing grade on the research paper. Intentional plagiarism could result in a grade of No Credit.

You must submit a passing research paper to pass this class.

Research Paper Steps

Step One – Research Question and Primary Text

Step Two – One-page description explaining your interest in your research question and your primary source

Step Three – Bibliography of your secondary sources

Step Four – Annotated Bibliography

Step Five – Writing your thesis and paper plan (outline)

Step Six – Writing your rough draft

Step Seven – Writing your Works Cited Page

Step Eight – Writing and submitting your final draft