

Mr. Valentine's 12th Grade English – Paper 2 – Standard – Name:

The second paper of this course is first and foremost, a research paper. This means that you will be expected to seek out information from **reputable** sources and use information / facts / quotes from those sources, then provide proper in-text citations and a works cited page. I realize that this may be challenging without access to the school's media center; however, there are many resources available for free on the internet. There are two possible topics for this assignment. You may choose **one** of the following topics:

Option 1 – Compare and Contrast Two of Our Readings on a Topic of Your Choice

Step 1 – Pick two major works we've read (Beowulf, Gawain, Midsummer, Rime) or are going to read, if you'd like to read ahead (Alice, Sherlock, The King of Elfland's Daughter).

Step 2 – Pick a topic or theme they have in common (i.e. heroism, love, fantasy, magic, journey)

Step 3 – Using quotes from the fiction and scholarly non-fiction sources, compare and contrast the two works on that topic.

Option 2 – Choose One Work and One Aspect of Culture

Step 1 – Pick two major works we've read (Beowulf, Gawain, Midsummer, Rime) or are going to read, if you'd like to read ahead (Alice, Sherlock, The King of Elfland's Daughter).

Step 2 – Pick one aspect of culture related to that work (i.e. Viking Funerary Practices and Beowulf, Chivalry and Gawain, the Myths Behind Midsummer, etc etc).

Step 3 – Using quotes from the fiction and scholarly non-fiction sources, inform a general audience about your topic.

Format and Length Requirements

This paper must be a minimum of **two full pages** in length, maximum of three. You must have a minimum of **three sources**, including your works of fiction (*Beowulf, Gawain, Midsummer, etc*) and your research (scholarly books, articles, or websites). Your paper must include in-text citations for all outside information, ideas, summaries, paraphrases, and quotes. All wording that is not your own must be in quotes. A Works Cited page fully documenting your outside sources (including your work of fiction) must be included at the end of the paper (and is not part of your two to three page length requirement). You may use bibme.org to create your Works Cited page, but you will be expected to follow correct formatting procedures. Avoid first and second person at all times.

The paper must be typed in Times New Roman, 12pt font, black, double-spaced **everywhere** (this includes the header, the Works Cited page, everything), one-inch margins, last name and page number in the upper-right corner of each page, and a full header on the upper left corner of the first page (including full name, date, class/period, and instructor). Some chromebook time will be provided, but you will **need** to do more work on your own time to finish. Type this up in google docs, then share it with lennyvalentine@wcps.org to submit it.

Assigned: March 22nd, 2021

Deadline: April 23rd, 2021

IMPORTANT – Review both this set of instructions and the rubric on the back IN FULL.

Grading Rubric for Paper 2 – Honors – Name:

Item Number	Title	Total Possible Points	Points Earned
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1.	Introduction	10	
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2.	Body Paragraphs	10	
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3.	Conclusion	10	
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4.	Fully Addressed Prompt	10	
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5.	Organization	10	
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6.	Grammar / Language	10	
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7.	Formatting	10	
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8.	Presence of Research	10	
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9.	In-Text Citations	10	
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10.	Works Cited Page	10	
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Sub-Total Score:	100
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Days Late:	-10 pts / day
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Total Score:	100
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Additional Comments:

Please note the importance of research to this assignment, bolded and underlined above.