

English 1483.FA03 and .FA05
Second Assignment: Research Paper
Date due: Tuesday, Dec. 5

Your second assignment must be a paper focused on any *two* of the following: “A Doll’s House,” “The Story of an Hour,” “The Yellow Wallpaper,” “A Short History of Indians in Canada,” “Hills Like White Elephants,” or “Hellgoing.” While two of these literary texts will be your primary texts, you must also find two peer reviewed academic journal articles for each primary text, one of which you must incorporate into your essay. The other you must include as a work consulted in your Works Consulted list at the end of your paper. Additionally, you must incorporate into your paper some relevant class discussion. You are required to read only the two journal articles you use in your essay, and to quote from them as you enlighten your reader about the primary texts. Think of your reader as someone in English 1483 with you, but who’s working on two other primary texts: so they need your insights and the research you’ve done into the two primary texts you are working on. You will use the classroom discussion to further help their understanding, as we hope we will all come out of each class understanding each of these texts a little better than we did before we discussed them.

The *mode* of this paper will be *comparison & contrast*. You will compare similarities and contrast differences between only the two primary texts, leading thereby to a better understanding of one or both of those texts, or of some aspect of one or both texts. Let your reading and your research guide you. You are not comparing or contrasting the secondary texts.

The *purpose* of this assignment is to show the professor:

1. you have attended to his and / or Abby’s comments on your first assignment;
2. that you can write in complete sentences;
3. that you can compose well-formed paragraphs;

4. you are capable of following detailed instructions (see below);
5. that you pay attention in class;
6. that you take useful notes during class;
7. that you know how to use the library for research;
8. that you are capable of reading, internalizing, and disseminating information (think “chained reasoning”);
9. that you know how to incorporate your class notes and your research into a coherent, unitary, form.

Specific formatting instructions

No title page.

Do NOT underline, italicize, or boldface your title. Give your paper a meaningful, communicative title.

Single-space your name beneath your title, both centered above your first paragraph.

Double-space your text.

Do NOT space between paragraphs any larger than between the lines within each paragraph.

Number your pages from 2 ff.

Have margins on all four sides of approximately 1” or 2.4cm.

Your paper needs to be as long or as short as it needs to be for you to offer your reader a better understanding of the two primary texts you are trying to explain.

Proofread your writing before submitting your paper. If I write “Proofread” three times on your paper, I will stop at the third time and your grade will be F.

Grading Rationale

- A. Can a person better understand the short story after reading your paper?

- B. Have you made use of secondary sources, and cited them properly?
- C. Does your paper have a properly formatted list of References (by whatever name)?
- D. Is your paper carefully written, and have you obeyed all the specific formatting rules enumerated above?