

750 Word Paper Assignment

For your first paper assignment you will submit a typed, titled, numbered, double-spaced comparative essay using any two of the stories we have discussed in class by the due date. Your essay will attempt to illustrate similarities, or differences, between these two stories based on a common theme. If you are having trouble picking stories, or a topic, please see me after class or send an email to my BCC address. Please include a works cited page including both of the stories you cite from in MLA format. There is no need to include a cover page. Please number your paper pages "lastname_pagelnumber" in the top right corner.

To establish a purposeful thesis, ask yourself if the two stories seem mostly similar at a quick glance; if so, it is not necessary to argue their similarities. Your paper should instead focus on what makes them different or distinct. Likewise, if the differences of the two stories are most obvious, focus your paper on how the stories are, in fact, similar in your interpretation. You should not attempt to cover everything in this essay; rather, one major aspect of the works should be the focus (i.e., theme, imagery, setting, characterization, use of metaphor).

Your paper is due by midnight on Monday October 26th, 2009 to my BCC email (wwend@bcc.edu). I will not be accepting print copies of your papers.