

English 244/ Paper #2 : Research Paper

Due date: **April 15, 2015 in class**

Proposal due date: **April 1, 2015 in class**

Possible topics:

Please choose ONE of the following topics:

1. Watch Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*. Then using the library resources find one to two essays or articles that analyze the film and Leonard's role in it. Using this material write a paper that analyzes how Lee Edelman's reading of the film compares to the readings you found in your research. Your thesis statement should present an argument that takes a position on Edelman's reading of *North by Northwest*, and your evidence should draw on Edelman's chapter and the secondary sources you found.

2. Using the library resources, find one to two essays or articles that analyze *The Country of the Pointed Firs*. Using this material write a paper that analyzes how Sarah Ensor's reading of the novel compares to the readings you found in your research. Your thesis statement should present an argument that takes a position on Ensor's reading of *The Country*, and your evidence should draw on Ensor's article and the secondary sources you found.

3. Lee Edelman's argument in *No Future* has been controversial among other queer theorists. Using the library resources find one to two essays or articles that critique Edelman's argument. Then write a paper that analyzes both Edelman's argument and his critics' position. Your thesis statement should present an argument that takes a position on Edelman's book, and your evidence should draw on *No Future* and the secondary sources you found.

Requirements:

- The paper should be 7 to 8 pages long, double spaced, in Times New Roman Font or equivalent.
- It should include one to two sources that you found in the library databases or in an academic book not read for class.
- It must have a thesis statement that is clearly stated in the introduction.
- It must have a Works Cited page in MLA style and all supporting quotations in the text should be cited in MLA style.
- Please remember to include a title and page numbers.

You will be graded based on your mastery of the material, the strength of your argument, your use of evidence, your use of external sources, and your grammar, diction, and citation. (Please see previous paper's rubric for an explanation of these components.)

*****IMPORTANT*****: On Wednesday, April 1 you will submit a proposal that explains what you think your paper will be about. In the proposal please do the following:

1. Explain what you plan to write about in one paragraph. If possible, include a draft of your thesis statement.
2. Include at least two secondary sources that you think you might use for your paper. The sources should be in MLA style and briefly annotated with a summary of what each one is about.

The proposal should be typed and double spaced. Please include your email at the top of the page. I will respond to your proposal over spring break by sending you an email.