BOOK CLUB / CRITICAL LIT THEORY ANALYSIS (w/ MLA citation)

OVERVIEW

Over the last three weeks, we have read/enjoyed (I hope) books we chose for book club reading. We've also taken a generalized look at critical lit theory & approaches, diving a little deeper into the sociological lenses we might consider while reading any text: feminism/gender theory, Marxism/economic theory, post-colonialism/race or cultural theory.

As you've interacted with your peers reading the same book, how have you joined the "conversation" about the novels themselves? Draw on the things you've been thinking about and noticing to drive your claims for this paper.

NARROWING YOUR FOCUS

Because this paper needs to be focused into just 2 – 3 pages, consider choosing one of the following:

- Examine the novel through one of the three dominant sociological lenses
- Examine a particular character in the novel through multiple lenses
- Examine the systems that underly the events/themes of the novel through multiple lenses

You can't do it all. Think about a claim you could make or a character or angle you'd like to explore. Then consider the evidence from the novel that backs up your "argument."

DETAILS & CITATIONS

Use standard MLA format (as usual) and be prepared to cite your examples. Paraphrase and/or quote accurately with proper in-text reference & a works cited page (does not count as one of your 2-3 pages).

Please note that the paper itself needs an actual title—not the label "Book Club Analysis" or the novel's title, but one that is fitting for the piece you composed.

In addition to referencing the novel, you'll need to cite at least one video provided (in-class watch & extras) & from the provided source *Theory into Practice: an introduction to literary criticism* by Ann B. Dobie.

- Primary source = your BOOK CLUB read
- Secondary source(s) = Crash Course/Ted talk videos from this unit & textbook chapters 5, 6, or 10 from *Theory into Practice*

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