

Critical Thinking Assignment Option One: POETRY EXPLICATION

What is a poetry explication?

An essay about a single poem which includes analysis, conclusions, evidence.

How will you write your own poetry explication?

Choose a poem. Make an honest statement about what you think the poem means using your own voice. Tell *why* you believe what you believe pointing to specific parts of the poem or history as evidence. Revise so readers can really hear what you're saying. Cut parts that lead readers astray. Edit for tone and transitions. Use the writing process!

More information:

Talk about how the poet uses various elements of craft to enhance meaning. You might also suggest reasons for the poet's choices looking at the time the poem was written or the poet's personal history. Take heart: there are no right or wrong answers. Your job is to make a case for what *you* see in a poem. (Do not refer to outside

sources for others' interpretations of the poem.)

What is expected, academically?

Write an engaging and well-supported essay explaining and supporting your interpretation. Your essay should unfold clearly and logically and should respect the grammar, usage, and mechanics of standard written English. (Length: no more than 3 pages.) Beyond the essay, include a works cited page (listing the source of your poem as well as any outside sources used) and an appendix with a copy of the poem, lines numbered.

You will be graded equally in three areas:

Engaging the Reader • Clarity of Expression • Grammar, Usage & Mechanics and MLA

Check your syllabus for draft checkpoint dates and the final draft due date!

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What is expected, academically?
Create an engaging poster using words and visuals to

More information:
You will likely wish to work in a program like Publisher or InDesign. If you do not feel proficient in any poster-making programs, take plenty of time to pencil out early drafts of your poster before creating your final draft.

Choose a topic you feel strongly about. Create a poster convincing others to feel strongly about it, as well. Revise so readers can really hear what you're saying. Cut parts that lead readers astray. Edit for polishing touches. Use the writing process!

How will you create your own persuasive poster

What is a persuasive poster?
A flyer that inspires its audience to action. (8.5x11, please.)

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persuade your audience. Attribute facts and figures to credible sources. Respect the grammar, usage, and mechanics of standard written English. Beyond the poster, include a works cited page (listing any sources used) and a cover page explaining the choices you made in designing your poster.

Critical Thinking Assignment Option Two: PERSUASIVE POSTER