

Final Essay Details:

Directions: This essay asks students to analyze one story from an ethical standpoint (using our handout on Five Types of Ethics). Students are also to incorporate at least one idea from our recent lectures on the gothic, modernism, and/or globalization. Students should consider, especially, what characters decide to do in moments of stress. Therefore, students should select characters and scenes in which important events occur. When character make decisions, that is when we can make a claim that they are acting according to some ethical principle. For example, does a character (or characters) act to help others or herself or nobody? Does a character follow a strict set of rules or break away from established rules? What forces are acting upon a character to act/react in a certain way.

Select One of the Following Texts:

“The Enormous Radio” Cheever
“The Veldt” Bradbury
“Sonny’s Blues” Baldwin
“A Good Fall” Jin
“Assimilation” Doctorow
“Say Hello, Wave Goodbye” Parsons
“Interpreter of Maladies” Lahiri

Helpful Plan:

- 1) Begin by selecting a story that you like. Then decide which characters make important decisions
 - 2) Then select two or three important scenes in which characters make decisions.
 - 3) Then try to trace out what type of ethics the characters in each scene seem to follow.
- ** Characters may change ethics quickly, so it is up to the critic (the student), to trace what happens.

Your essay will be graded according to these four categories:

1. A clear introduction, title, thesis, and method (25 points)
2. well-structured sentences, clear paragraphs, proper length, and free from typos (25 points)
3. Accurate examination of the story; inclusion of at least 5 direct quotes; accurate in-text citations; and a Works Cited page (25 points)
4. Clear understanding and use of ethics handout, concepts (such as globalization), and literary terms (25 points)

Note: Do not use outside sources; I want to see how you engage with our class material.

Length: 900 words-approximately three full pages (use word count). See Purdue OWL for information on proper in-text citation and Work Cited (MLA style).

Due Date:

Dec. 14: Post Final draft to OpenLab—menu tab: Final Essays: NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. EARLY PAPERS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED. POST BY MIDNIGHT.