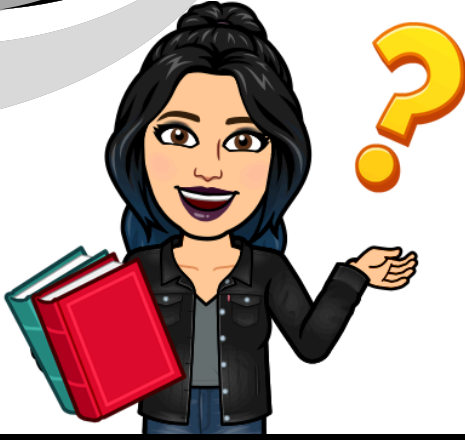


Homework - 11/17

Advanced Eng. B

Ms. Martocello



Recap Today's class we went over our Analysis essay expectations and MLA formatting Guidelines.

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AUDIO STORY CAN BE FOUND HERE: [CLICK HERE](#)
EDGAR ALLEN POE BIOGRAPHY: [CLICK HERE](#)

Lit Analysis of the "The Red Death"

- 2-3 pages in length, double spaced, MLA Formatting rules apply.
- MUST cite all works/referenced used.

- MLA formatting rules can be found here: [General MLA Format Guide](#)
- Citation guide and creator can be found here: [Citation Machine](#)
 - *always double check what it gives you! Citation Machine is meant as a starting point, it does make mistakes.*

Analyzing Themes and Symbolism in The Masque of the Red Death

Edgar Allan Poe's The Masque of the Red Death is a haunting story filled with rich symbolism and profound themes. For this essay, you will write 2–3 pages analyzing one or more themes and symbols in the story. Your essay should include textual evidence to support your claims and demonstrate a deep understanding of how Poe's use of literary elements enhances the story's meaning.

Instructions:

1. Introduction:

- Briefly summarize the plot of The Masque of the Red Death and provide some background on Edgar Allan Poe.
- State your thesis, focusing on the theme(s) or symbol(s) you will analyze.

2. Body Paragraphs:

- Discuss how Poe uses symbolism to convey deeper meanings. (e.g., What do the colors of the rooms symbolize? What might the clock or the figure of the Red Death represent?)
- Analyze one or more of the story's themes, such as the inevitability of death, the illusion of control, or the futility of wealth in the face of mortality.
- Include evidence from the text (direct quotes or detailed references) and explain how it supports your argument.

3. Conclusion:

- Restate your thesis and summarize your main points.
- Reflect on how the themes and symbols make The Masque of the Red Death relevant to readers today.

Possible Topics to Explore:

1. The Inevitability of Death:

- How does Poe use the figure of the Red Death to represent death's unavoidable nature?
- How do the actions of Prince Prospero and his guests reflect humanity's attempts to escape death?

2. The Use of Symbolism:

- What do the seven colored rooms represent? Could they symbolize stages of life, moods, or something else?
- How does the ebony clock contribute to the story's mood and themes?

3. The Role of Wealth and Privilege:

- How does the story critique the idea that wealth or social status can protect people from universal truths like mortality?

4. Mood and Atmosphere:

- How does Poe's use of imagery and setting build a sense of dread?
- How does the gothic atmosphere tie into the story's larger themes?

5. The Consequences of Denial:

- How does Prince Prospero's response to the Red Death reflect denial or arrogance? What is the ultimate result of his actions?

Grading Criteria:

- Thesis and Argument: Clear, focused, and well-developed thesis.
- Textual Evidence: Effective use of quotes and details from the text to support claims.
- Analysis: Insightful explanation of how the themes and symbols relate to the story's meaning.
- Organization: Logical flow of ideas, with clear introductions, body paragraphs, and conclusions.
- Conventions: Proper grammar, punctuation, and adherence to essay format.

Feel free to choose the topic that interests you the most and approach the essay in a way that reflects your understanding of Poe's work. Be creative and thoughtful in your analysis!

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First draft/outline due 11/24

Please **Make a copy** of the packet before you try to type in it!