

**English 11  
Researched Essay**

**Overview, Requirements and Timeline**

For your research paper you will choose one of the short stories provided, *The Great Gatsby* or *Othello* to analyze further by investigating various literary criticism about that story. You will be completing an analysis of an aspect of that piece that you find intriguing. The final copy of this research paper will be worth 25% of your third marking period grade.

*Any student who plagiarizes will receive a grade of zero, so don't just write it—cite it!*

**Regular Paper Requirements:**

- 4-6 complete pages—word processed, double-spaced, PLUS a works cited page
- A minimum of 4 secondary resources (*at least 3 literary criticisms and 1 author biography*) in addition to your primary resource (a short story, *The Great Gatsby* or *Othello*)
- Source cards/Works Cited in MLA format
- Note cards and/or articles RHA for both primary and secondary citations
- Your paper will also include a biographical paragraph on your story's author, your introductory/thesis paragraph, and your conclusion
- Each of your paper's body paragraphs should include two quotes from your primary text and one quote from a criticism—with at least three body paragraphs
- MLA format for the in-text citations and works cited page

**Research Paper Timeline:**

\_\_\_2/20\_\_\_ 3 Short Stories RHA

\_\_\_3/6\_\_\_ Novel/Play/Short Story Selected

\_\_\_3/12\_\_\_ Thesis statement lesson after vocab quiz

\_\_\_3/13\_\_\_ Preliminary Thesis Statement DUE (walk in with it);  
Final thesis statement and Subtopics Due by END of class

\_\_\_3/14\_\_\_ Note Cards/articles RHA (6+ from 3 literary criticism/factual articles, 2 biographical,  
8 from the primary text novel/play/short story) Due at BEGINNING of class

\_\_\_3/15\_\_\_ Source Cards/WC typed list Due (3+ critical/factual, 1 author biography, and primary text)  
Due at BEGINNING of class

\_\_\_3/16\_\_\_ Typed Synopsis of primary text and bio relevant to his/her writing DUE at BEGINNING of class

\_\_\_3/16\_\_\_ Typed MP1 DUE at END of class

\_\_\_3/19\_\_\_ Typed MP2 DUE at END of class

\_\_\_3/20\_\_\_ Typed MP3 DUE at END of class

\_\_\_3/21\_\_\_ Typed Conclusion at END of class

\_\_\_3/22\_\_\_ Typed Rough Draft and Updated Works Cited Page Due;  
I will read this if you would like feedback prior to the final due date; give me your BEST work.

\_\_\_4/9\_\_\_ Typed Final Draft Due with EDITS MADE and Updated Works Cited Page; you must turn in edited copy as well. (25% of 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period grade)

**Your paper must be submitted IN PERSON whether or not you are present in school that day (English Dept. Policy). If you are too ill, send someone in to see me with the paper submission.**

Good luck! Your hard work will pay off. Further instructions will follow for each step of the project.