

C&T Paper 1

Due April 6, 2007

Write a 4-5 page term paper on one of the following topics. Papers are due on April 6th at 9:00 a.m. and must be turned in via the Digital Dropbox on Blackboard. Papers turned in after 9:00 a.m. on the 6th will be assessed a late penalty of one point per hour. Papers not turned in via the Digital Dropbox will be assessed a 1 point penalty. Please include your name in the text of the file, so that the paper has your name on it when I print it out. You have *lots* of time to write this paper, so no one should have trouble turning the paper in on time.

Develop a thesis about one of the following topics. You do not have to address every question suggested in the topic, but you do need to have a clear thesis, and to support that thesis using specific evidence from the text and clear, logical arguments.

1. Through the Hebrew text, are there changes over time in how the character of YHWH, or how the relationship between YHWH and humans, is represented?
2. From the African-American writings: is there a relationship between education and freedom? Draw upon writings from other units as necessary.
3. Compare the ideas of sexual morality in the Ancient Hebrew texts to that in the African-American writings.
4. Ancient Hebrews drew upon the stories we read to form their cultural identity. Are there similar "common stories" that form a cultural identity in the African-American writings?

Guidelines for papers:

- The opening paragraph should state the purpose of your paper and your own particular thesis. A description of the topic is not a thesis statement. Neither is a description of what you will do in the paper. The thesis contains the argument of the paper, i.e., what you are going to argue. A thesis must be a statement that is potentially false. The thesis is your proposition; the rest of the paper is the evidence supporting it.
Example of a thesis: Victor and the monster are similar because they both desire companionship.
Example of a thesis: Victor and the monster are very different; Victor desires fame and knowledge, while the monster desires only companionship.
Not a thesis: This paper will explore whether Victor and the monster are similar or different.
- The paper should show overall logical development of its thesis. Each paragraph should develop one basic idea related to that thesis, and should have a clear topic sentence. Material that does not relate to your thesis does not belong in the paper.
- Use evidence from the text to support your thesis. Your evidence may include short quotations or references to specific events. Give the page number for every direction quotation, as well as other important facts about the text. You do not need to use footnotes; just use parenthetical references.
Example: When the monster tries to introduce himself to the DeLaceys, Felix hits him with a stick (Shelley, p. 135).
- Besides being clearly organized, your paper should demonstrate depth of thought and a good understanding of the text.
- Revise. Do not turn in your first draft. The rough draft is a way for you to figure out what you want to say. Good writing requires the courage to change what you have written, even when it sounds good, in order to build a coherent and clear essay.
- As college sophomores, you are expected to use correct spelling and grammar at all times.
- Use the Writing Center. It exists to help you.