

Essay 2: Prompt

An Overview: Format and Documentation

The essay will be made up of three parts. The entire paper should be approximately four-pages in length. Each section must have a title that establishes the section's focus and direction. The paper must be in 11 or 12 point font using Cambria, Times New Roman, or New Courier. The first page must include the appropriate header.

Each part must be formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines.

- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Quotes, specific information, and ideas that originate in other sources must be documented with parenthetical citations and a works cited page. For more information on common knowledge and plagiarism see

- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/2/>
- <https://integrity.mit.edu/handbook/citing-your-sources/what-common-knowledge>

The paper must include a works cited. It is incomplete without one.

The paper is an academic essay. It should adopt and maintain the appropriate voice, avoiding slang, clichés, and first and second person references.

- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/980/03/>

Although this essay will not be structured as a traditional paper, it should be formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines.

A successful paper will include quotes and specific information from the work that will require the appropriate documentation.

Titles Each section should include a title that suggests the purpose and direction of the passage. The title is centered; it is not placed in quotation marks.

- Young Goodman Brown's Innocence

The title is not a complete sentence, but it serves to set the boundaries of the writing. This title suggests that the passage will focus on Brown's innocence.

Prompt

This writing assignment will be made up of two parts: a summary and an explanation. The entire assignment will count as a formal writing grade.

The Summary

Summarize a story by one of the writer's we have covered. Do not use a story that has been assigned.

The summary should be one full page in length. It should introduce the key characters, touch on the main events, and provide an insight into the story's central conflict. The summary should also include story's narrative point of view.

The opening sentence of the summary must identify the title of the story and the author. Titles of short stories are placed in quotation marks: "Young Goodman Brown."

Include specific events and quotes to support your points.

Sub-Genre Explanation

Literature is grouped into two broad genres: fiction and non-fiction. A subset of fiction, science fiction is further divided into a variety of sub-genres. Some examples include

- Hard Science Fiction
- Dystopian Science Fiction
- Ray Gun Fiction
- Urban Fantasy
- Weird Horror
- Social Science Fiction
- Steampunk
- Space Opera

Research the various sub-genres of science fiction, and identify the sub-genre of the story that you summarized. Write a two-page explanation of the genre, using the short story you summarized to illustrate the characteristics of the genre.