

LIT 652 Milestone Two Guidelines and Rubric

For this assignment, due in Module Four, you will submit a 2–3-page **writing plan** for your final research paper. Use your writing plan to give an overview of your final research paper, including the works you are analyzing and the theoretical perspective you are using to interpret them. First, identify the two works of global literature that you will analyze in your research paper and describe your rationale for choosing them. You should briefly introduce these works and their significance within their cultural and historical contexts. Give a summary of the argument or thesis you will pursue in your research paper, including your interpretation of the themes, ideals, and values that you see reflected in these works. Describe how you arrived at this argument and explain which aspects or parts of the texts you are focusing on in your interpretation. Then, present the theoretical perspective you are adopting in your research paper. Explain your understanding of this theory as expressed in secondary sources you have found on this topic, and describe why you think it is relevant for interpreting these works. Finally, give a brief description of the secondary sources you will use in your research paper and be sure to explain their relevance specifically.

I. Writing Plan

- A. Identify **two works** of global literature that you will use to write your final research paper, and describe your rationale for choosing these.
- B. Describe the **tone** in which these texts present the culture of where they originated.
- C. Provide a brief overview of how these texts have **impacted** the culture of where they originated.
- D. Present the **argument** that you will support throughout your research paper.
- E. Describe your **thought process** that led you to this argument.
- F. Describe the **parts** of each text that will be focused on to support your argument.
- G. Determine which **literary theory** you will apply to these texts, and justify your response.
- H. Locate **secondary resources** that will be used to support your argument and claims, and describe why each is reliable.
- I. Briefly describe how you will use each resource to **support** your argument.

Guidelines for Submission: Milestone Two should follow these formatting guidelines: 2–3 pages in length, double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and citations in MLA style. For more information on MLA style and how to cite, access the [MLA style guide from the library](#).

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Writing Plan: Two Works	Identifies two works of global literature that will be used to write the research paper and describes rationale for choosing each	Identifies two works of global literature that will be used to write the research paper, but rationale for choosing each is cursory or illogical	Does not identify two works of global literature that will be used to write the research paper	10
Writing Plan: Tone	Describes the tone in which these texts present their culture	Describes the tone in which these texts present their culture, but description is cursory or lacks clarity	Does not describe the tone in which these texts present their culture	10

Writing Plan: Impacted	Provides a brief overview of how these texts have impacted their culture	Provides a brief overview of how these texts have impacted their culture, but overview is cursory or lacks clarity	Does not provide a brief overview of how these texts have impacted their culture	10
Writing Plan: Argument	Presents the argument that will be supported throughout the research paper	Presents the argument that will be supported throughout the research paper, but argument is cursory or illogical	Does not present the argument that will be supported throughout the research paper	10
Writing Plan: Thought Process	Describes the thought process that led to this argument	Describes the thought process that led to this argument, but description is cursory or lacks clarity	Does not describe the thought process that led to his argument	10
Writing Plan: Parts	Describes the parts of each text that will be focused on to support the argument	Describes the parts of each text that will be focused on to support the argument, but description is cursory or lacks clarity	Does not describe the parts of each text that will be focused on to support the argument	10
Writing Plan: Literary Theory	Determines which literary theory will be applied to these texts and justifies the response	Determines which literary theory will be applied to these texts, but justification is cursory or illogical	Does not determine which literary theory will be applied to these texts	10
Writing Plan: Secondary Resources	Locates secondary resources that will be used to support the argument and claims, and describes why each is reliable	Locates secondary resources that will be used to support the argument and claims, but secondary sources are misaligned or description of reliability is cursory or lacks clarity	Does not locate secondary resources that will be used to support the argument and claims	10
Writing Plan: Support	Briefly describes how each resource will be used to support the argument	Briefly describes how each resource will be used to support the argument, but description is cursory or lacks clarity	Does not briefly describe how each resource will be used to support the argument	10
Articulation of Response	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that prevent understanding of ideas	10
Total				100%