

Research Paper: Short Story or *Hamlet*

Length: 1500-2000 Words Quality more important than quantity.

Due: As listed for each class

Format: Formal Research Essay. Refer to the guidelines on Blackboard—no contractions, no abbreviations, no 2nd person (you), no informal diction.

Topic: You have your choice of expanding either of your first two research papers. The material from the prior paper should be expanded based on my commentary and /or your ideas and further research. Some of the topics allow fusion of short story ideas and Hamlet subjects, like revenge and women's issues. Any students unsure of how to proceed should bring their first papers and discuss it with me during office time.

This essay must contain **at least 4 quotes from the primary text** and quotes from **at least 4 secondary sources. **4 different sources, not four quotes from one source****

Secondary sources: do not use all general websources like Cliff's Notes, Monarch Notes, Spark Notes or websites containing student papers.

Professional Websites for thematic matters like depression, suicide, formalized revenge, make good sources.

****Two of your sources should be from scholarly journals accessed through our library site or from books or journals in the library or Google Scholar.**

Important note: Do not use sources that simply explain the plot. We do not need a source to tell us that Hamlet is Gertrude's son. . . Use sources to back up a point you are making or to establish a line of reasoning.

At least **one quote must be indented**—a quote of 4 or more lines.

Paraphrases of secondary sources must be **introduced by author and title.**

Documentation must conform to MLA guidelines for citation notes and works cited page, which appear on the library website.