

American Romanticism Short Story Project

You are to pick one of the following short stories, read it, and then complete the project.

- Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving
- Rappaccini's Daughter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Young Goodman Brown by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- The Masque of the Red Death by Edgar Allan Poe
- The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe
- The Fall of the House of Usher by Edgar Allan Poe
- Bartleby the Scrivener by Herman Melville

The Project (Remember Plagiarism will result in an "F" grade and a "U" for the term)-

1) Turn in your notes from the story. You may either print out the story, highlight and annotate (notes hand written in margin about theme, symbols etc.) and turn it in, OR you may hand write notes including quotes and page numbers with theme ideas, symbols etc.

2) Chose one of the following projects:

A) Write a minimum 3-page MLA format critical analysis of the story. You will need at least 5 quotes from the text and at least 2 outside credible sources. MLA format. Critical Analysis topics include: theme, symbolism, antagonist/protagonist, social issues such as race, sex, class structure etc.

B) Re-create the story in a picture book/children's story. The writing needs to be your original work, the pictures that accompany the text can be original art or they can be from the Internet, magazines, etc. The book needs to be at least 20 pages long (not every page needs a picture). You will be graded on creativity and the ability to capture the heart of the story in condensed form. Your story does not need to be appropriate for children.

C) Create a poster (poster board size). Capture the theme, or big idea in a poster. Think of posters advertising books at Barnes and Noble or movie posters. Your poster must include at least one quote from the story. It must be original work and idea (I won't be able to find a similar idea on Google.) It must be high quality, you will fail the assignment if you try and throw this together in 30 minutes. To do this one correctly, it will take as much time as the others.

D) Create a PowerPoint presentation. You should choose two of the literary elements that we have studied and identify them in the story you read and teach them to the class. PowerPoint must include several pictures, at least 8 quotes from the text, be your original work and ideas. You will take 5 minutes to present your PowerPoint and ideas to the class. You need to be well rehearsed and professional. Practice, Practice, Practice for full points.

E) If you have another idea, present it to me for approval.

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3) You will be given 2-5 minutes to present your project to the class.

Option A- will briefly tell us what their paper is about and will read one paragraph to the class.

Option B- can read and show us their story or excerpts of the story (no more than 5 minutes).

Option C- Will show us their poster and will explain what it is about.

Option D- Will use all 5 minutes to teach the class two literary elements in their short story.

Option E- We will discuss how you will present your project to the class.

Points for the project-

Your detailed notes- 75 points. Points will be deducted for lack of annotations or ideas. I expect you to comb through the story and find symbols, themes, protagonist, antagonist etc. I also expect you to have lots (20 or more) of quotes highlighted or written down to support your ideas.

Project A,B,C,D, or E- 150 points. I will discuss in greater detail each project and what is expected. I will also provide you with a scoring guide once you have decided which project you are going to complete.

Oral Presentation – 25 points. Except for Project D, this isn't super formal. You should know what you want to say ahead of time. You just need to take a couple of minutes and present your project to the class. Please follow the instructions under 3) above.

Total points for the term- 250 points!

Note: This is a term project and the majority of your homework in this class for the term. It will take some time (10 hours or more) to complete it. Do not procrastinate.