

I. Novel of Choice

1. You are expected to read *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley during the summer and be ready to discuss it in detail during the first weeks of class. You are expected to annotate the novel in a manner that is beneficial to you, so we encourage you to purchase your own copy. However, we have copies of the novel you may borrow.
2. While you are reading, annotate the text. We are not looking for one specific style of annotation. We want to see what you do naturally as you read. If annotating is not natural to you, we want you to give it a try. **NOTE:** Study guides (such as CliffsNotes and SparkNotes) may **NEVER** be used as a substitute for the reading assigned *or as a resource*. These sources are often incomplete and sometimes flat-out wrong. When consultation of outside sources is necessary, use reliable, scholarly sources and literary criticism. The Tiger Library databases are available to you during the summer for just such occasions.

II. Written Response

1. Write a two to three page response/commentary on the novel in which you explore an idea or aspect of the reading you find interesting. This will vary from student to student but some possibilities are general thematic concerns, the role of setting, or the expression of self and its cost, etc. It is your choice and as such is pretty wide open. Do not only summarize, write a book report, or regurgitate Sparknotes in your essay.
2. The expectations for the written response are that it should be typed, double-spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font, and exhibit mastery of MLA style, including parenthetical citations and a works cited page. Additionally, responses should demonstrate adequate control of grammar, mechanics, and composition elements. Remember to support all of your comments and arguments by referring specifically to the text and using passages from the novel wherever appropriate.
3. *Bring your written response to class the second day of school.* All summer reading essays are required to be submitted to Turnitin.com. You'll receive directions for submission on the first day of school.

III. A Helpful Guide

1. Buy a copy of Thomas C. Foster's book *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, 2nd ed.. We will start working with this book within the first couple of weeks of school. It will basically be our textbook for the first semester. You don't need to read it yet, but you need to acquire a copy.

MLA Heading Format

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