

Semester 2: Writing 1

OFOCN: What Do You Have To Say?

Writing Prompt:

In 1000 words or more (roughly 3 typed pages), address a theme you see in this novel. What is the point of reading One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest? What message is Kesey trying to convey? Describe a theme from OFOCN, making sure to prove that the theme exists, as well as how it relates to the world today. What does this story tell you about the world we live in?

Introduction

Clearly state your thesis.

Introduce the novel (title, author, year, brief summary). Prepare your readers to understand your opinion about the theme. Be clear on what you believe Kesey's message is (theme).

Body

Use varied support and thorough explanation.

Prove your theme exists. Discuss events that show your theme. Support your discussion with specific evidence from the text (quotations).

Conclusion

Relate OFOCN to our world.

Here's where you answer the question, "What is the point of reading OFOCN?" Discuss what is learned from the novel and what it says about the world.

Writing Requirements:

1. Must have an original title;
2. Must be in MLA format;
3. Must use quotations from the text to support arguments.

Style:

Style will be determined by which of the following can be said about the final paper:

30 (100%)	27 (90%)	24 (80%)	21 (70%)	18 (60%)
ideas expressed through a mix of appropriate techniques that communicate a clear meaning	ideas stated with experimental methods that help readers understand the meaning	ideas appear in an interesting way that is ineffective, but doesn't cloud the writing's meaning	ideas follow formulaic but accurate expression, using only the bare minimum needed to convey meaning	ideas stumble in weakly expressed, awkwardly phrased and/or incorrectly worded sentences that confuse meaning

Grading:

- Thesis/Organization – 120 points
- Textual Details/Support – 120 points
- Sentence Variety – 120 points
- Conventions – 100 points
- Style – 30 points
- MLA – 10 points

Rubric: English 3 and 4 Schoolwide Writing Rubric
Total Points Possible: 500

1st Draft: _____

2nd Draft: _____

Final Draft: Friday, March 13, 2009

N.B.: Theme is the author's message about life, a universal idea about the world we live in that applies to everyone, not just characters in a story. Thinking about types of characters and types of relationships will help you discuss theme.