

English 3201  
Independent Novel Study/Research  
“Literature is Life!”

This assignment has three components:

**Part A**      Reading:

Choose a novel and read it in its entirety. It must be a novel that is new to you. You may choose from the Department of Education’s annotated bibliography [http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/curriculum/documents/english/Annotated%20Bib .10-12\\_May%202015.pdf](http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/curriculum/documents/english/Annotated%20Bib%2010-12_May%202015.pdf) (descriptions of each book begin on page 15 of the pdf document). You may choose another work, but only after you have discussed it directly with your teacher and approval has been gained.

While reading, be cognizant of the novel’s embedded themes. You will choose one of these themes to be the building block of your research topic.

**Part B**      Writing/Research:

5 Page research paper. In either APA or MLA style.

- Standard format cover page
- Formal expository writing style
- In-text citations
- Reference page
- Pagination
- Minimum 4 sources (avoid Wikipedia, blogs, and other opinion-based sources)

\*If you choose to use MLA formatting procedures, go to:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

\*If you choose to use APA formatting procedures, go to:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Your writing must include:

- Introduction/Overview of your topic (definition, overview, historical significance, etc.) (approx. 2 pages)
- Thematic connection to the novel you studied (approx. 2 pages).  
Consider the literary elements (characters, conflict, setting, symbolism) and their connection to the research topic.
- Implications for society (approx. 1 page)

**Part C**      Presentation of your research to the class (or via emailed video).  
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