English 70 Assignment

The mid-term essay will be a take-home analytical essay. The essay will propose and defend a thesis based on key themes and concepts in one of the following texts, or a comparison and contrast essay about intersecting and/or contrasting themes in two of the following texts: “Lispeth”; "A Defense of Cosmetics"; “The Dynamo and the Virgin”; *Dubliners* (selected story/stories); *Heart of Darkness.*The purpose of class lecture and discussion will be to identify these themes and concepts.

Themes/Concepts (under construction):

-Analysis of theme(s) in any one of the following texts: “Lispeth”; "A Defense of Cosmetics"; “The Dynamo and the Virgin”; *Dubliners* (selected story/stories); *Heart of Darkness*

-Late Victorian style in “Cosmetics” vs. Dubliners

-male gaze/representation of women in “Cosmetics” and “The Dead”

-colonialism and racism in “Lispeth” and *Heart of Darkness*

-tradition/ritual in “The Dead” vs. “Dynamo & Virgin” or *Heart of Darkness*

-impact of Western culture and technological change in  “Dynamo & Virgin” and *Heart of Darkness*

-Lispeth vs. Gabriel; Lispeth vs. Marlowe; Gabriel vs. Adams; etc.

-anxiety surrounding change in Irish society in the stories in Dubliners other than "The Dead"

-authorial hypocrisy in "Defense of Cosmetics" compared/contrasted with Marlow's hypocrisy in Heart of Darkness

-the effect of colonization on the colonizer in Heart of Darkness

Essay Requirements:

3.5-7 pages in length

Double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12" font

MLA format, Works Cited page