

**WRITING ABOUT FICTION**  
**Revised Thesis Statement:** November 17  
**Draft:** Bring to conference (12/1 or 12/6)  
**Essay Due:** December 8  
**Word Count:** 2000 words + Works Cited

This essay involves revising Essay 5 as well as integrating research. We will begin by exploring a research topic and identifying areas of interest that will enhance your topic. The next step involves revising the thesis statement into a research question. And the most work-intensive step requires you to visit the library to perform your research. To help you with your research, we will spend a few class sessions discussion formulating research questions and investigating resources. We will also continue to discuss MLA style as well as evaluating your resources. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Library Liaison will hold a research seminar to help with using King Library's resources. As we move through the remainder of the semester, we will discuss authoritative sources. For example, a general dictionary is *not* a valid resource; however, the *Oxford English Dictionary* is a valid resource.

**Thesis Statement**

Before you can really delve into your research, you will need to revise your thesis statement. (Essay 5 will be returned to you in the next two weeks to help with this, but begin on your own.) Do not change topics – it's too much work. With today's conversation in mind about formulating research questions, revise your Essay 5 thesis statement. Bring a typed, printed copy of your thesis statement on November 17 for our workshop. Email a copy to me by 8am.

**Sources**

Three sources are required for this assignment: one article, one book and one of your choice.

**Conference**

Attending the conference without a rough draft will be essentially useless so bring whatever writing you have completed.

**Turning In Your Essay:**

This essay is due on December 8 via email as an attachment. Late papers will receive the penalization indicated on our syllabus. Failure to follow the below requirements will result in a lower grade.

- Submit to Turnitin.com
- Typed and double-spaced in 12pt font with one inch margins
- Works Cited page in MLA format
- In-text citations in MLA style (parenthetical citation)
- Name, date, course and section number typed at the top left corner of the first page
- Name and page number typed in upper right corner of every page following the first page
- Proofread everything before you turn it in; there should be no spelling or typographical errors.