

British Literature  
Research Paper 2013

**STEP 1 - Please choose from one of the following literary periods as a focus for your research paper:**

Middle Ages (1066-1485)

Renaissance (1485-1660)

Restoration (1660-1800)

Romantic (1798-1832)

Victorian (1832-1901)

Modern/Post-Modern (1901-present)

**STEP 2 - Relate three different influences and three different literary forms to the period you have chosen.**

**Influences:** Choose three

Politics

Religion

Economics

Innovations

Society

Fine Arts

**Literary Forms:** Choose three (you will select specific literary works to support your topic sentences as you research)

Prose

Poetry

Drama

Essays/Journalism

## The Paper

- 8 paragraphs (see outlines on following pages)
- MLA format
- **Minimum of 6** parenthetical citations
- Work cited page is required – a **minimum of 4** sources.
- Research to be completed in class and out of class (according to due dates)
- Writing, typing, editing and revising will be executed both in and out of class as needed
- Additional credit will be given for drafts that are turned in early
- Late drafts will be penalized

### Format:

Paragraph I Introduction – Introduce the literary period (Includes your thesis statement).

Paragraph II Influence #1\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph III Influence #2\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph IV Influence #3\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph V Literary Form #1\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph VI Literary Form #2\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph VII Literary Form #3\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph VIII Conclusion – Follow your teacher’s recommendations as to what to include here.

- Don’t forget that ANY and ALL information you gather, whether directly or indirectly quoted, or paraphrased, must be cited. Please refer to the handout on parenthetical citations and the preparation of a work cited page. You will be given instruction in the use of WORD 2007 and the citation tools available.
- All work must be saved so that you can access it in school or at home. This requires that you have a flash drive available to you at all times. Coming to class unprepared may result in a detention.

## Outlining

### Paragraph I – Introduction

- Should briefly introduce the period and touch on major historical events of the period.
- Should define the period
- Must include a thesis statement that relates to the influences and works cited in your paper

### Paragraph II

Topic Sentence – Influence#1\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Detail #1 FOR EXAMPLE,

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #2 IN ADDITION,

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #3 FURTHERMORE,

Commentary

Commentary

Concluding Sentence

### Paragraph III

Topic Sentence – Influence#2\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Detail #1 FOR EXAMPLE,

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #2 IN ADDITION,

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #3 FURTHERMORE,

Commentary

Commentary

Concluding Sentence

### Paragraph IV

Topic Sentence – Influence#3\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Detail #1 FOR EXAMPLE,

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #2 IN ADDITION,

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #3 FURTHERMORE,

Commentary

Commentary

Concluding Sentence: Should transition into the next part of the paper that addresses specific works of literature from the period.

Paragraph V

Topic Sentence –Literary Form #1\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Detail #1 FOR EXAMPLE, (Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #2 IN ADDITION, (Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #3 FURTHERMORE,(Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Concluding Sentence

Paragraph VI – Literary Form #2\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Detail #1 FOR EXAMPLE, (Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #2 IN ADDITION, (Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #3 FURTHERMORE,(Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Concluding Sentence

Paragraph VI – Literary Form #3\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Detail #1 FOR EXAMPLE, (Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #2 IN ADDITION, (Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Supporting Detail #3 FURTHERMORE, (Specific work or author)

Commentary

Commentary

Concluding Sentence

Paragraph VIII – Conclusion

- You MUST summarize your research
- You MAY infer, predict or imply what the writers of the next era will be like, based on your research.
- You MAY ask thought provoking questions that inspire additional research