

AP Literature Multi-Genre Research Project

For your research project this semester, you will be select a book from the list of frequently used AP books. If you do not have this document from your summer assignment, you may find a list here: <http://mseffie.com/AP/APtitles.html>. In addition, you will find two other pieces of art from a variety of genres to aid in your analysis of your novel. You are essentially looking for a common thread or theme across all three pieces of art.

PURPOSE: Analysis of three major works (literature, painting, music, sculpture, film, dance, photography) which focuses on a single theme.

GOAL: Use one of the major works from the AP list as well as two other pieces of art (see list of genres below). Almost any combination is acceptable; however, you must choose at least one work that is not a piece of literature (poem, short story, novel, play).

In order to prepare for this assignment, you will choose a theme and 3-5 works from the AP list to be considered. It is strongly recommended that you conduct a preliminary search before you make your final choices. Selecting a work you love and then being unable to find criticism or analysis of it is frustrating.

Genres:

Book	Photography	
Dance	Play	Short Story
Film	Poetry	Visual Art
Music	Sculpture	

Themes to Consider:

Aging	Desire if Immortality	Nature of Creativity
Alienation	Duty (Filial Piety)	Nature of Evil
Ambition	Ecstatic Experience	Perseverance
Appearance and Reality	(religious/spiritual/physical)	Prejudice
Apprenticeship	Fall from Innocence	Romantic Love
Awakenings	Family: Structures, Struggles	Search for God
Battle of the Sexes	Father and Son/Daughter	Search for Knowledge
Beauty	Fear	Strength of the Human Spirit
Betrayal	Freedom	Suffering
Breaking Barriers	Happiness	Truth
Community	Jealousy	Utopia and Anti-utopias
Courage	Loneliness	Visions of War
Crime and Punishment	Love	
Crisis of Faith	Loyalty	