

Grade 9-10

Self Assessment

Historical Theme

Full Name:

Date:

English 9

Period:

### **Historical Theme Essay Planning Page**

DIRECTIONS: Complete each of section as you work through the form and content of your historical theme essay.

1. Select one of the following literary works by circling the title:

- \* The Most Dangerous Game
- \* The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet
- \* The Odyssey
- \* To Kill a Mockingbird

2. Choose one revealed theme (use the words "revealed theme" in your thesis):

- \* honor \* revenge \* love \*fate \* hope
- \* hospitality \* courage \* obedience \* loyalty \* justice
- \* cruelty \* contentment (being happy with what you have) \* pride
- \*perseverance

3. For the theme that you selected, write three incidents (one for each body paragraph) of how the theme appears in your selected literary work. Also, write how the theme was shaped by the historical period in which it was written.

Incident #1:

How this incident is shaped historically:

Incident #2:

How this incident is shaped historically:

Incident #3:

How this incident is shaped historically:

Now continue your essay planning by attached graphic organizer.

Note: You are not expected to use quotes or MLA citations in this essay. However, make sure that you completely understand the incidents that you will write about and how they relate to the theme. If you do not remember story

components, such as:

- historical period (an important one!)
- setting
- characters
- conflict
- plot

... then ask for help! ©

## 50 Universal Themes

1. Sacrifice
2. Growing up
3. Perseverance
4. Cycle of birth and death
5. Isolation
6. The development of the hero
7. Fear of change
8. Religion and faith
9. Racism
10. Struggle for peace
11. The power of one
12. Courage in the face of danger
13. Freedom vs. respecting authority
14. Horrors of war
15. Class struggles
16. Suffering
17. Young love
18. Regret
19. Patriotism
20. Jealousy
21. Leadership
22. Multiculturalism
23. Community and responsibility
24. Inevitability of fate
25. Justice
26. Disobedience
27. Deception
28. Power of youth
29. Dangers of greed
30. Overcoming challenges
31. Innocence versus experience
32. Guilt
33. Effects of time
34. Man's struggle against nature
35. Loyalty and friendship
36. Family roles
37. Power of love

38. Dangers of pride
39. Bullies and victims
40. Revenge
41. Self discovery
42. Dangers of lust
43. Good versus evil
44. Power struggles
45. Overcoming obstacles
46. Gender struggles
47. Compassion
48. Search for happiness
49. Loss of ideals
50. Passion

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