

ENGL 2350 Primary Text Research Information

Primary Text Considerations: Each 2350 student will select a NOVEL, SHORT STORY, or LIFE NARRATIVE as the focus of the term project. You must choose a text that is suitable for the several types of research you will be asked to conduct on your chosen text. You may NOT use a text we are reading as a class. Make sure you are able to locate most of the information asked for below. Your text must be approved by Dr. Kulesz before you proceed with the formal research.

Questions /tasks for primary text: You will prepare several assignments drawn from your research on your chosen primary text. The following questions will help you get started finding some of the information you will need to complete the series of assignments you will prepare. Refer to the online syllabus for specific due dates and to the course web page for assignment guidelines.

1. Look up your text in the UTA library catalog
2. Look up your text in the UTA library online databases (literature subject databases)
3. Find a bibliography
4. Find a critical edition
5. Identify the most important studies/books/articles written about your primary text.
6. Who are the scholars who are THE experts on your primary text?
7. Find a literary biography about your author.
8. Is your author dead or alive? Does a library hold your author's papers?
9. Publication history:
 - a. First published in what year? Issues surrounding the publishing?
 - b. How many copies printed then?
 - c. How many copies have been printed up to this point?
 - d. What are some different editions of this text? Hard back? Paperback? Trade? School?
 - e. How much would a first edition cost? See bookfinder.com or other book collector site.
 - f. How much do some of the current editions cost? See AMAZON, bn.com or other retail site. Check cost of new and used copies.
 - g. Into what languages has this text been translated?
 - h. Has the text ever been out of print?
 - i. Has the text ever been banned or challenged?
 - j. Has the text been made into a film? Into what other media forms has the text been adapted? Stage versions? Musicals?
 - k. When you conduct a general GOOGLE search of your book title, what kinds of sites do you locate?
10. Your Annotated Bibliography and all other assignments must use correct MLA format. See course web page for information on correct form for electronic entries. Most articles you use will come from an electronic scholarly database you access through the UTA library website.