

English 1012 (50386) Spring 2014 Tue & Thur 9:30 – 10:45
Myths and Folktales

Final Project: Research Paper

First Draft Due: April 24, 2013

Final Draft Due: May 15, 2013

For your final project you will write a concise and well thought-out research paper on a chosen topic under the themes of myth & folktale. You should have a thesis that uses textual and contextual evidence to back it up. Your thesis should be specific to your topic and have something original to say about your research. It should be debatable, use sound logic, and be summed up in one-two sentences.

Your paper should deal with some aspect of how myths are created and sustained, the way folktales are used as rhetorical tools & entertainment, the influence of belief-systems, or the significance of *why* people tell stories about the world. Also you should deal with the broad notions of society and culture in concrete concepts. That means questioning the role that modes of socialization in a specific capacity (i.e. education, family, religion, or work) play in analyzing your topic.

You will be required to use at least 6 outside sources, or more if you chose but do give yourself ample room in your paper to adequately handle each source. At least 3 of your sources should be peer-reviewed scholarly journal articles. The rest can be from other sources (such as those used in class), but do be critical when checking for the integrity and validity of these sources.

This research paper should adhere to proper MLA style: formatting, in-text citations and works cited list. **Your draft should be 5-7 pages. Your final draft should be 7-10 pages in length.** Both will be graded. MLA style includes: 12 point font, an appropriate font type (i.e. Arial or Times New Roman), double spaced, one inch margins throughout, and include your last name and page number on every page. Please make sure to consult with the research paper checklist before submitting your draft and final paper.

Your paper should have a heading that includes your name, instructor's name, course title, date, and assignment. It should appear single spaced on the upper left hand corner on the first page of your paper.