

Civil War Literature

Historical Fiction Assignment

By the end of week 8, you need to have finished reading a piece of historical fiction reflecting the Civil War Era. (On a separate sheet, you will find a list of acceptable titles.)

Once you have finished, please complete the following:

- Provide a brief summary of the plot of the text. 1-3 pages. (25 points)
- Provide a brief description of the main characters in the text. Include beliefs, values and behaviors, and motivations. (25)
- Explain what stylistic devices the author uses to create characterization with quotes from the text. (10)
 - Narration
 - Showing the character in action
 - Using the characters words and thoughts
 - Having other characters talk about the main character.
- Identify and explain the perspective of the text. (Male/female/North/South/Slave/Free) Discuss how the author incorporated actual people, places and events into his/her work. (15)
- Describe the setting of the text. You may include one or two of the most powerful settings the author creates. Remember that setting includes: time place and atmosphere. (10)

- Create a personal commentary on the text and the characters and their situations. What about the resolution? (15)
- This assignment needs to be word processed (make sure to use spell and grammar check)

Due date: no later than the end of week 8, May 21, 2010.
(100 points).

In addition, we will have a classroom “Literary Circle” discussion of your novel. (100 points)