SEMESTER ONE RESEARCH PROJECT

Below are some suggestions for a project that each student is required to complete. While you are not limited to these suggestions, this project should concern some aspect of American culture (music, art, history, literature). Please check with me before finalizing your topic.

1. Visit Salem (Witch Trials, Hawthorne Birthplace), Concord (Emerson), Walden Pond (Thoreau), Amherst (Dickinson), Adams National Historical Park (John Adams), or a whaling museum in New Bedford and write a report. Be sure to take some good pictures! Check on dates if you intend to visit one of the above.


3. Attend a performance of a play written by an American author. David Lindsay-Abaire’s Good People is at the Huntington Theatre through October 14. (http://www.huntingtontheatre.org/)

4. Read literature not covered in class by Hawthorne (novels or short stories), Poe (short stories or poetry), Emerson (essays or poetry), or Thoreau (A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, The Maine Woods, Cape Cod, or Excursions).

5. Research Native American attire and/or art.


DATES AND GUIDELINES

- Wednesday, October 3: Projects must be approved
- Tuesday, October 9: General outline and sources
- Friday, October 19: Outline due: The initial outline must be comprehensive, including a list of sources you intend to use. You should consult a minimum of three sources (including at least one book and a second non-electronic source).
- Monday, October 29: First two pages of research paper is due
- Monday, November 19: Semester papers are due (at least four pages) No late papers will be accepted.

Projects will be graded on thoroughness, organization, clarity, coherence, and creative presentation of topic. Research format will also be a consideration for grading projects. (MLA author/page citation, Work Cited and Works Consulted)