

Romanticism Essay

Literary Analysis Essay

Write an **essay** comparing and contrasting two of the works that we read during the Romanticism unit. Your essay must be between 4-5 paragraphs in length.

- Discuss themes
- Discuss Romantic / Transcendental ideas and how the author approached these ideas.
 - Nature
 - Death
 - Spirituality
 - Human Nature
 - Society
 - Government
 - God
- Discuss Literary Devices AND why the author used them. Discuss the effect of the device.
 - Alliteration
 - Allusion
 - Assonance
 - Consonance
 - Figurative Language
 - Foreshadowing
 - Imagery
 - Irony
 - Meter
 - Mood
 - Motif
 - Rhyme
 - Symbolism

Thesis for a Compare/Contrast Essay

TOPICS + RELATIONSHIP + EXPLANATION: Name your two topics, what relationship they have to one-another, and explain the significance of this relationship.

- Although “The Road not Taken” by Robert Frost and “Phenomenal Woman” by Maya Angelou deal with different themes, they use many of the same literary techniques.
- E. E. Cummings’ “Somewhere I Have Never Traveled” and Shakespeare’s “Sonnet 130” both share the theme of unconditional love, and imitating these poems has allowed me to understand their meanings at a deeper level.
- Although Shakespeare’s “Sonnet 130” and “Sonnet 108” both use similar literary devices, their theme of beauty is treated completely different—one celebrates a lover’s inner beauty while the other celebrates her outer beauty.

Format

- 12 pt
- Times New Roman
- Double spaced
- Use header – Name, date, pd, assignment name
- 1” margins (2.54cm)
- File: Pd_last_first_romanticism
- Word or PDF

Romanticism Era Works

William Cullen Bryant - Thanatopsis

Ralph Waldo Emerson - Self-Reliance

Wendell Holmes - The Chambered Nautilus

Henry David Thoreau - Walden

Wendell Holmes - Old Ironsides

Henry David Thoreau - Civil Disobedience

Longfellow – A Psalm of Life

Edgar Allan Poe - The Raven

Longfellow - The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls

Edgar Allan Poe - The Masque of the Red Death

Lowell - The First Snowfall