Research Paper Prompt Packet

(200 points)

You will write a research paper on one of the following areas, using specific stories as support:

- Research the Antebellum South and the affect it had on the people who lived there after the Civil War. What were their customs, culture, beliefs, etc?
  - William Faulkner’s “A Rose for Emily”

- Research the medical treatment women were given for postpartum depression after childbirth in the late 1800s-early 1900s. How did this affect women? What psychological affects did this cause?
  - Charlotte Perkins Gilman’s “The Yellow Wallpaper”

- Research the role of religion and politics in Latin America (or specifically Columbia) and what affect that had on their beliefs.
  - Gabriel Garcia Marquez’s “A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings”

- Research the use of capital punishment in American society and what affect this has on culture and beliefs about punishments.
  - Shirley Jackson’s “The Lottery”

- Research the Vietnam War and the affect it had on the soldiers who fought in it.
  - Tim O’Brien’s “The Things They Carried”
  - Louise Erdrich’s “The Red Convertible”

*If you have a particular topic/story that you would like to explore that you don’t see here, please see me and we can discuss.

Requirements:

- MLA formatted
- 5-7 pages
- 5 sources (including the textbook)
  - 2 sources need to come from an academic database

Due Dates:

11/17 – Thesis Due (10 points)
12/1 – Outline (20 points) & Works Cited Due (20 points)
12/8 – Typed Rough Draft Due (30 points)
12/15 – Final Draft Due (120 points)