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Poster Assignment

Since written work is increasingly produced in a range of formats, both in college and on the job, this course asks you to create a research poster. You will sign up for a book in class today.

This assignment asks you to introduce an audience of novel readers and researchers to the historical context for the novel. You can create the poster using any tool you want, but it should be submitted as a PDF. We will go through creating the posters using Microsoft Powerpoint. You can use the Powerpoint template on this drive as a start.

Your poster needs to include:

1. One or two well-chosen images related to the historical context of the book's setting.
2. A 250-300 word paragraph about the book's historical context, with concrete details and well-connected sentences.
3. A 250-300 word paragraph analyzing the book's response to this historical context, with concrete details and well-connected sentences.
4. One or two well-selected passages from the book.
5. Either
 - A timeline of ten major events in the book, with dates (estimated if necessary) and locations listed.
 - OR
 - A map of five major places in the book (estimated if necessary) and dates listed.
6. A bibliography of sources consulted.

Tasks

You are responsible for

1. Researching the topic. You need to draw on scholarly sources: either scholarly books, articles from databases such as JSTOR, or the historical *New York Times*. Please contact Piper Martin (piper.martin@wright.edu) for consultation on such sources.
2. Gathering images for the poster. These can be from any source, but should be from the time period in which the novel is set.
3. Writing copy for the poster.
4. Developing the poster.
5. Presenting a draft of your poster in class on the indicated day
6. Revising and handing in your poster

Grading

You will receive an initial grade at the time you hand in your draft. Posters will also include a workshopping element, whereby the class will give you feedback on the poster. Within two weeks, you will revise and resubmit the poster. At that point, I will give you grade on the final poster. Your final grade for the poster assignment will average the draft grade and the final poster grade.

Evaluation Criteria

I will evaluate you on the following criteria

- Your research and presentation of supporting historical materials.
- Your analysis of the book in relation to its historical setting.

- Your development of a useful timeline or map.
- Your organization of this material in a compelling way.
- The focus, flow, and clarity of your writing.
- The grammatical correctness, liveliness, and smoothness of your sentences