

English 11 Thesis Paper

You will be writing an MLA style research paper that will use **three** specific examples from our society and **one** example from literature read in English 11 to prove a thesis statement.

Your thesis paper will involve:

1. using MLA format (parenthetical documentation, etc.)
2. proving a thesis through research, (minimum 6 sources, only one from internet – internet does not include databases) and literature (an example from one of the novels or plays)
3. one of the 6 sources must be a print source
4. a Works Cited page
5. 15-20 internal citations with 80% (12-16) of them being paraphrases and 20% (2-4) of them direct quotes

Possible Thesis Statements: (You may choose one of the below or a variation of one of the below. You may also develop your own thesis before or after doing research. However, it must be teacher approved.)

1. People must live outside of society to be truly free.
2. Man is inherently evil.
3. Society's greatest enemy is man.
4. People tend to behave irrationally and even cruelly in large groups.
5. Man is inherently good.
6. Goodness must stand up to evil, or evil will spread.
7. Fear is a destructive force in society.
8. Evil acts are committed only out of ignorance.
9. When those in power abuse their authority, individuals must take action to fight injustice.
10. The greatness in humans can be weakened by their evil actions.
11. Goodness never conquers evil.
12. All conflict in its simplest form is a struggle between good and evil.

Your paper will be evaluated on:

1. Evidence to support your thesis
2. Proper MLA format including internal citations, heading, etc.
3. Properly done Works Cited page
4. Organization
5. Conventions

Papers must be typed. Times New Roman, size 12. Paper length: min. 4 pages