Proposal Template for English 385 Collaborative Essay

Group Names (Each group will submit one proposal) English 385: The Brontës

Proposal for Collaborative Project: Your Working Title

Novel(s):

Topic and Key Issues/Questions

Our topic is What is/are the key issues and questions your topic raises? Why is your topic worth writing about? Why does it interest you? Why do you want to explore your topic in an essay? Respond using a reasonable, developed paragraph or two.

Working Thesis

The working thesis for our essay (and presentation): Write out your complete thesis statement (1-3 sentences) as clearly and specifically as you can at this point.

Initial Evidence and Key Supporting Points

In one or two reasonable paragraph(s) (not two sentences), discuss your initial evidence and key supporting points. Include a few key quotations (with in-text citations) from the novel(s) you are writing about.

Two Secondary Sources You May/Will Use

Secondary sources should focus on the novel(s) you are writing about, most likely journal articles or articles from an essay collection. **Do not include websites here.**

- 1. MLA citation (*MLA Handbook*, 9th ed.) Source's thesis and main point(s). Use several sentences.
- 2. MLA citation (*MLA Handbook*, 9th ed.) Source's thesis and main point(s). Use several sentences.

Formatting: TNR, 12pt, double spaced, page numbers if more than one page. You can print front and back of a sheet of paper.

Due Date: See syllabus