

Short Essay #1 Prompt

Overview

For this assignment, you will need to write a 1-3 page essay that focuses on James Joyce's short story, "The Sisters," in his collection *Dubliners*. Like all good essays, your essay should have a thesis that is supported by textual evidence. Remember, whenever you use any information that is not common knowledge you need to provide a citation to the source of your information. For example, that the sun is yellow is common knowledge, as is that there was an American revolutionary war. The major concepts of interpreting literature, sadly, are not common knowledge. In this class, we will be using MLA citation. More information about MLA citation can be found at the Purdue Owl website here: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_style_introduction.html.

Prompt

What does Joyce's plot choices add to the story?

- Analyze how the plot affects our understanding of the meaning of "The Sisters."
- Also, do you remember the list we have constructed in class that details the ways that literature provides value for authors, readers, or society. Pick one. How do Joyce's plot choices affect your chosen value?

The list of values is available in the course recaps and through a link at the top of the calendar page.

Due Date: September 20th