Research paper: Please read all of the instructions below.

A RESEARCH PAPER THAT IS PRIMARILY A BIOGRAPHY WILL BE A ZERO.

Outline =3-4 pages

Please use a separate page for your title page =1 page

Name
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Content = 8-10 pages

Works Cited page = 1 page

Total = 13-16 pages

Assignment instructions
Your research paper topic is one of the authors discussed this term. Choose one from the following list:

NOTE: ONLY THE FOLLOWING AUTHORS ARE ACCEPTABLE CHOICES.

Ray Bradbury (Fahrenheit 451)
Kate Chopin ("The Story of an Hour")
Susan Glaspell (Trifles)
Guy de Maupassant ("The Necklace")
Nathaniel Hawthorne ("Rappaccini’s Daughter")

You can break your paper into sections with subheadings.

Introduction: Introduce the author and something interesting about the author. Include a clear topic sentence and thesis statement (1/2 page)
Biography about the person. (1 page)
Techniques and style and what influenced the person such as any historical events. (3-4 pages)
A discussion of his/her works with supporting details like examples and illustrations from the work or works discussed. (3-4 pages)
Conclusion: Restate the main ideas discussed in the paper. (1/2 page)
Use the template below to construct the paper.

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Research Paper Template

This template is for a research paper (essay) with three main points. This template may be adjusted to fit your needs. If you need to add extra details, just add them.

- Your final outline must be in MLA format. It must be double-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font. You must use complete sentences rather than bullets.
- You must include in-text citations and a reference page. You must have at least five sources.
- Each paragraph must have at least 9-12 sentences.

Please include the following:

1) working title – (example) The imagination of Edgar Allen Poe.
2) thesis statement – this sentence should be a statement, not a question, of what you intend to discuss in your paper. The thesis statement includes a mention of the three main points to come. You may need to revise the thesis statement several times during the course of writing the paper. You must introduce the author.  
(example) Edgar Allen Poe's life and experiences, beliefs, and imagination influenced his writings.
3) the three (or more) major points you plan to make in your research paper. Each of these major points should support the thesis statement.
4) topic sentences – one for each of your three major points
5) three details, pieces of information, or evidence from your notes with the sources listed (in parentheses) for each of your major points
6) concluding sentence and lead-in for the next paragraph – one for each paragraph. These sentences should remind you how you should consistently be communicating to your readers why you’re telling them what you’re telling them.
7) conclusion for your research paper – The conclusion should sum up the reasons you have given that support your thesis. You should add insight by giving some thoughts on the implications of what you have just written or proven.
Research Paper Outline Template

Title of your research paper  ________________________________________________

Thesis statement:  _________________________________________________________
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Introduction – The introduction should contain a “hook”, general quote, or interesting fact. You will then add two-three broad, general statements, and your thesis statement.

I.  Introduction
   A. Begin with an opening sentence that captures your reader’s attention. You might consider including the theme, a memorable quotation that relates to the topic, or asking a question. (HOOK)

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   B. Define topic

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   C. Then write a sentence that introduces the topic that you plan on discussing.

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   D. Write your thesis statement. Give a brief summary of each main idea of the topic that you plan on discussing (state each briefly - 2-3 sentences total). Then, as your last sentence, include the overall theme (or main idea) that connects all of these main ideas together under your one chosen topic as well as leading into the first main point that you will discuss in your paper (this is a transition sentence).

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II. Topic sentence for main point #1

A. Subtopic from main point #1

1. Detail or example from your research (with source)

   i. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words

2. Detail or example from your research (with source)

   ii. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words

3. Detail or example from your research (with source) – if needed

   iii. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words

(Additional Subtopics may be added.)

B. Concluding sentence and lead-in about how the details or examples for main point #2 support the thesis

III. Topic sentence for main point #2

A. Subtopic from main point #2

1. Detail or example from your research (with source)

   i. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words
2. Detail or example from your research (with source)

ii. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words

3. Detail or example from your research (with source) – if needed

iii. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words

(Additional Subtopics may be added.)

B. Concluding sentence and lead-in about how the details or examples for main point #3 support the thesis

IV. Topic sentence for main point #3

A. Subtopic from main point #3

1. Detail or example from your research (with source)

i. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words

2. Detail or example from your research (with source)

ii. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words

3. Detail or example from your research (with source) – if needed

iii. Explain source’s connection to thesis in your own words
B. Concluding sentence and lead-into conclusion and include how all of the details or examples for main points #1, 2, and 3 support the thesis

(Additional Subtopics may be added.)

V. Conclusion

1. Begin with a rephrased thesis statement (See introduction, final sentence).

2. Summarize the three main points you made in your body paragraphs. (minimum of 3 sentences)

3. End with an overall theme of your research paper, or an interesting fact.

Words Cited page