

Honors Essay Assignment for the Enlightenment: An Analysis of *Candide*

Tenets of the Enlightenment

Use the chart on the reverse side or make your own.

	knowledge	happiness	progress	optimism	reason	religion
Notes from <i>The Western Perspective</i> (use specifics from this college-level textbook)						
Notes from <i>Candide</i> ; describe how Voltaire comments on this idea. This section should be the largest on your chart.						

Essay Topic

Select three or four of the ideas from above and *describe Voltaire's comment on these tenets of the Enlightenment*. Analyze *how* Voltaire makes these comments about these Enlightenment concepts. To organize body paragraphs, first describe the Enlightenment idea (using the excerpts we give you from *The Western Perspective* and from your history textbook at home) and then provide examples from *Candide* that correspond to these concepts. Your essay must include specific references to *The Western Perspective*, *The Modern Era* and to *Candide*. References to *Candide* must also come from a variety of places to demonstrate good breadth of understanding.

Meeting Dates

Come at lunch (some enrichment dates may be scheduled).

Thurs., Sept. 14 – discussion of pps. 1-19

Tues., Sept. 19 – discussion of pps. 20-63

Fri., Sept. 22 – discussion of pps. 64-end and how to write essay

(You may also see us for help on other days during snack, enrichment or lunch [by appointment].) You also may be given a reading quiz in class on the day that the reading is due to be discussed.

We will issue you a book copy of Candide. You will either turn in this book with your essay (in same condition) or you will pay us \$3 to keep the book.

Essay Format and Deadline

MLA Format (double-spaced, typed, 12 pt. Times New Roman font; 1-inch margins on all sides); 5-6 pages. Use parenthetical page references where appropriate. For example, (*The Western Perspective*, 39) or (*Candide*, 14). Essay is due **Tuesday, Oct. 3**. You may use your Procrastinator's Permit if you have not already used it for another assignment. If you are absent on the day your essay is due, you **must** use your Procrastinator's Permit. No essays will be accepted after Oct. 4. Your essay must be submitted to turnitin.com by Oct. 4 at 11:59 p.m. No late papers or submissions. Failure to submit your essay to turnitin.com will result in a lower essay grade.

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