American Literature Thematic Research Paper- Due May 29th

You must write a 3-5 page literary analysis paper which identifies the author of your work, analyzes the work you studied, identifies its genre, summarizes a piece of literary criticism and explains what literary devices the author used to convey the theme or the main idea. You must also compare your book and the portrayal of the theme to works we studied in class. You might organize it in the following manner:

- Introduction- Identification of Author/Work/Genre & Thesis statement which identifies the theme of the work and the literary devices used to portray it. (1 paragraph)
- Discussion of Author/Bio/Time Period (1-2 paragraphs)
- Identification/Discussion of Genre of Work and examples from the work that prove that it is a work from that particular genre. (1 paragraph)
- Discussion of Literary Work studied (1 paragraph)
- Identification and discussion of theme of the work and examples of a literary device used to convey the theme. (characterization, conflict, setting, imagery, etc.) (1 paragraph)
- Identification and discussion of theme of the work and examples of a second literary device used to convey the theme. (characterization, conflict, setting, imagery, etc.) (1 paragraph)
- Identification and discussion of theme of the work and examples of a third literary device used to convey the theme. (characterization, conflict, setting, imagery, etc.) (1 paragraph)
- Discussion of article of literary criticism with examples that apply to the book and the theme or main idea the author is attempting to convey. (1 paragraph)
- Identification of themes from works we studied in class and examples of literary devices used to convey them. (at least 1 paragraph)
- Conclusion which explains what you have concluded and how the work and author you studied reveal something about life in America during that time period. (1 paragraph)
- Works Cited Page
- Title Page
- This paper MUST be typed, in a font no larger than 12. You MUST submit your paper to Turnitin.com or I will NOT grade it and you will receive a zero on your Final Exam.