

AP Literature and Composition  
Miss Joschak  
Spring 2015  
Third Quarter

### Q3 Out-Of-Class Essay: Supplemental Reading “Defying Social Norms”

*Each of these will be checked/collected for a grade:*

An outline or chart of the prompt is due in class on Monday, February 9th.

An outline of your paper is due in class on Tuesday, February 17th.

A rough draft of your paper is due in class on Monday, March 9th.

Your final draft is due in class on Friday, March 20th.

*Late papers will receive 80% of the earned grade.*

\*You **must** schedule a SPARTA lunch appointment to conference over the rough draft of your paper during the week of March 2nd.\*

*Requirements, Guidelines, and Formatting:*

- Typed **and** printed out - Essays that are not handed in as a hard copy will be deducted 5 points.
- Double-spaced
- 12 point, Times New Roman font
- 1' margins
- 4-5 pages minimum
- MLA formatting for header and page numbers, etc. - If you need assistance with MLA formatting, come to me or go to <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>.
- Must contain textual support/evidence (direct quotes) - Essays with no textual support will automatically earn a 50%.
- Direct quotes must be cited using MLA format for in-text citations - Essays with no in-text citations will automatically earn a 0 for plagiarism.
- Refer to the quarter's theme and essential questions when planning and writing your essay.

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#### **Prompt:**

Some novels and plays seem to advocate changes in social or political attitudes or in traditions. Choose such a novel or play and note briefly the particular attitudes or traditions that the author apparently wishes to modify. Then analyze the techniques the author uses to influence the reader's or audience's views. **Do not summarize the plot.**

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This quarter's essential questions:

- What are the consequences of breaking social norms? What are the rewards?
- Do we misperceive/misjudge people - regardless of their status - and is that prejudice?
- How do the expectations of our gender influence our interactions with others?

Your essay should contain the following:

- Discussion/explanation of social or political attitudes or traditions criticized by the author
- A strong, clear thesis
- Specific details from text to support your argument

Your essay should *avoid* the following:

- Summary of the plot
- Unnecessary/non-supportive details
- Lack of connection to prompt
- Repetitiveness
- 1st and 2nd pronouns