

Here is the written research paper assignment:

Choose either Shelley's *Frankenstein* or Percy's *He, She, and It* and answer the following question:

What is this author arguing about medical/scientific ethics? How does this author's view of this issue fit into current thinking about medical/scientific ethics? To answer this question, you must prove what the author's argument about ethics is in the novel and then use sources about med/sci ethics to compare to the author's argument.

I've noticed in grading your sources that many of you don't have a clear idea yet of what you'll be arguing. In your annotations, you must answer the second question, which is "how will this source help you in making your argument." You have to be SPECIFIC about how you will be using this source. Some of you are writing that the article deals with scientific ethics and so does *Frankenstein*, but that isn't enough. You have to state exactly how the article helps YOU specifically to make the argument you plan to make (which means you need to state what argument you plan to make).

Most of you found very good sources, but only 6 of you followed directions about how to do the citation and annotation. For the next two sources, you need to TYPE the assignment, putting the MLA style citation at the top, and then write 2 paragraphs; the first should summarize the thesis of the source (not just the subject). What exactly is the author arguing? The second paragraph should state specifically how this source will be helpful to your paper. Doing this work now will make writing your paper a lot easier. That's the whole point of the assignment.

Those of you who are still using the web to find sources, STOP. You need to go through Oxford Library's page to find the Emory databases, and then find scholarly sources there. Google scholar is not the place to look. For a list of good databases to try, go to our research page that the librarians created especially for our class. Go meet individually with the librarians for more specific help. **For the next two sources, I will not accept book reviews, web sites, or articles of fewer than 5 pages. I will also not accept handwritten assignments.**

Guidelines for full bibliography:

-no more than 2 sources of literary criticism.

-no more than 1 web site source

-no book reviews

Grade breakdown: individual sources: 5 pts each (15 pts)

bibliography: 10 pts

thesis and abstract: 10 pts

draft: 15 pts

final paper: 50 pts