

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN PAPER

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This is a **formal college paper**. Do not use slang, cliché, or abbreviations. Do not use first person or conversational style. The paper should be coherent with a logical arrangement of sentences and paragraphs. It must be typed, double-spaced, 12-14 point font in Times New Roman or similar font, (in other words MLA style) at least three full pages and not more than six pages in length. Persistent grammatical errors can hurt your grade. **Research the proper style for this type of paper.** Points will be deducted for failure to produce the correct style and format so be certain to experiment to assure that your paper is properly prepared. This paper is covered by the Lone Star College prohibition against plagiarism and will be submitted to Turnitin.com to be compared to all online and print information (including Spark Notes, Cliff Notes, etc.) as well as previously submitted papers from around the world. This paper is worth 10% of your semester average.

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Specifics for this paper:

Introductory Paragraph: All papers must start with an introduction. Keep this paragraph general and concise. This is where you will state and briefly describe your thesis for the paper. These remarks prepare the reader for more specific details in the paragraphs to follow.

Body of Paper (in multiple paragraphs): Choose five (5) different events (scenes) from the book. Research the historical accuracy or inaccuracy of each event you've chosen. Compare/contrast actual history with each event and explain the likelihood that such an event could have or would not have taken place as the author describes.

For example, suppose you were to read a novel about our Revolutionary War and chose a scene where George Washington's men used surprise and skill to defeat the British at Trenton. You would then research that battle and discover that the historical facts match the event. However, if the author wrote that a three-day siege led to the American victory, you would discover that this is historically inaccurate.

Write your paper as if it is for someone who has never read this book. Be sure to fully **EXPLAIN** your thoughts as a superficial list will not suffice. Use examples and quotes from the book. Your goal in writing this paper is to evaluate the historical accuracy and impact of the novel. You must defend your position and that requires supporting it with well thought-out reasoning.

Conclusion: This paragraph is as important as the introduction because it lets the reader know your final opinion of the book, author, and the historical accuracy of the novel. Among other things, you might tell who you believe was the author's intended audience and/or tell how the book impacted you or why it didn't. Did you learn anything you did not already know? Would you recommend it for further use in this class? These are just idea starters for you to consider.

Grading Criteria:

Ability to follow the instructions above, including format and style=30%

Proper grammar, spelling, and tense conventions=20%

In-depth historical analysis and understanding of book clearly articulated=50%