**Projects for Women and Myth**

**Guidelines Essay 1: Literary Analysis 6-8 Pages**

Choose any media which mythologizes women and analyze the text through the lens of women and myth. The media you choose can be any genre – a video game, a movie, a collection of poems, a docuseries, a painting etc.

How will I be graded?

**20 points Thesis**

Example thesis: “*Sabrina the Teenage Witch* is a revamping of traditional myth due to its use of magical elements, a female protagonist, and focus on women’s issues such as the beauty myth and objectification of women”

You should build a strong, one sentence thesis statement which lists the specific factors that qualify the selected source as a revamping of traditional myth in the order in which you will discuss them in the essay,

**20 points Background**

You should provide enough background information about the source that the analysis still makes sense without your reader having to have read the source in question

**40 points** A thoughtful discussion of the following questions, using examples from the media to support your points. QUESTIONS TBA

**10 points Conclusion**

Your conclusion should move the paper forward in some way. It should not merely repeat your thesis. Ask a question, make a suggestion about another similar source or make a call to action: what can your reader do based on the information you have provided them.

**10 points Works Cited, Proper in-text citations**

**Guidelines Essay 2: Creative Project 10-12 Pages**

This can be a short story, poem, play, or mixed genre project. You may incorporate visuals if you would like. In this creative text you will create a revamp of a myth, using as example all of the myths we have studied this semester.

How will I be graded?

**15 points Attention to Imagery**

Throughout the semester we have looked at several text which use significant imagery and symbolism. Your work should incorporate these elements.

**15 points Attention to Form**

Throughout the semester we have looked at how several authors have used form to convey meaning. Your work should use form to convey meaning.

**15 points Attention to Show not Tell/Detail**

Your work should aim to show rather than tell via dialogue, imagery, facial expressions, body language, etc.

**15 points Attention to Clarity**

Chronology and connection between topics should be clear to your reader.

**40 points Attention to the Conventions of Myth**

Your work should incorporate the conventions of myth discussed in this class.

Quest

Magical Elements

Proto world

Family issues/family

Sexuality

Attention to social issues

Damsel-in-distress - Hero

Romantic Relationships

Presence of Dichotomies

Happy Endings

**Floating Essay 4-5 Pages: Book Review**

Choose any of the books we read in this class and write a book review. We will read some professional examples in class.

How will I be graded?

**20 points Background Information:** Readers often read book reviews to decide if they want to read a book. You need to give your read enough background information about the book so that they won’t be confused, but not so much information that it seems pointless for them to buy the book.

**20 points Discuss the Book in a Larger Context:** Whether you discuss the book as part of the author’s overall oeuvre or in comparison to other books in the genre, readers should understand where this book falls within a larger context.

**20 points Incorporate Quotes.** No matter how well we describe a book we can never quite convey the author’s voice without using quoted material. Your book review should incorporate 2-3 properly formatted, integrated quotes from the source material.

**20 points Discuss strengths.** These can ran range from a consistent and compelling voice, to intriguing imagery, to displaying social awareness etc. The list of possible qualities is endless so just be sure you back up your claims with examples.

**20 points Discuss weaknesses.** These can ran range from an inconsistent voice, to vague imagery, to displaying a lack of social awareness etc. The list of possible weaknesses is endless so just be sure you back up your claims with examples.

\*for all assignments a moderate to severe amount of proofreading, spelling, and grammatical errors will result in a point reduction