

ENGL 336 AMS 344 Jewish American Literature and Culture
Professor Cheryl Lester Spring 2006

Book Discussion Research Projects

Drafts of Final Papers, Due 18 April

Oral Presentations, 18 April – 9 May

Final Paper Revisions, Due 16 May at 1:30pm

Final Exam (based on Oral Presentations), 16 May, 1:30-4pm, 212 Blake

Your final paper draft should:

- Analyze your exercise in reading and discussing this literary text as an identity-shaping practice (for Jewish American and non-Jewish American readers alike)
- Summarize the text
- Explain why the topic(s) you selected and researched is (are) appropriate and adequate for an engaging discussion of the text
- Explain and demonstrate how the six secondary sources that you consulted appropriately informed and enriched your discussion of the topic(s) and the text
- Draw on specific details and passages from the text to explain and illustrate your points
- Demonstrate a meaningful connection between your discussion of the text and course materials, issues, or themes we have studied as a class
- Reflect revisions based on comments and suggestions from earlier papers
- Be 9-11 pages long, including the works cited page
- Follow MLA style guidelines
- Be polished and relatively free of errors

Your oral presentation should be:

- Based on your unique strengths and skills (as a speaker, graphic designer, discussion leader, etc.)
- Organized
- Informative
- Visually effective
- Engaging and interactive
- Free of errors
- Delivered with eye contact
- Delivered loud and clear enough for everyone to hear
- No longer than fifteen minutes including Q & A

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- Analyze your service learning experience as an identity-shaping practice (for Jewish American and non-Jewish Americans alike)
- Describe the Jewish organization with which you worked
- Discuss aspects of the organization that make it uniquely Jewish American
- Explain the service you provided
- Assess the impact of your experience on your relation to Jewish American life
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