

Final Project Proposal: Literary Analysis of Young Adult Literature

Who: I plan on studying and analyzing a theme within young adult literature, the theme of Coming of Age. This theme is extremely important for young adolescents to read about, and hence why I thought it would be very valuable for me to study and analyze the Coming of Age theme, especially so I can apply this information to my future classroom.

What: I am planning on studying and pulling examples to analyze the coming of age theme by using the young adult novels:

- Paper Towns by John Green
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- The Catcher in the Rye By J.D. Salinger

I plan on analyzing plots, characters, commentary from various sources, comparisons between the texts, and other additional research to analyze this theme, and why it is important for young adolescents to read books that highlight coming of age and the importance ideas that it presents such as dealing with hardships, growing older, finding identity, and becoming who you are and who you are meant to be.

Where: I plan on finding a lot of my research through various online sources, the books themselves, articles, and any scholarly commentary that I find in order to back up my points and help me analyze the coming of age theme and its importance in young adolescent literature.

When: List of What I will be completing:

- Research for Project (First)
- Draft of Paper (Second)
- Final Draft of Paper (Third)

Why: I find there to be a lot of importance in the coming of age theme, and I am really interested in studying this theme across multiple novels, and comparing and contrasting the two. These are some titles that are very popular with the young adult age group, and one of which I have never read before. They are all so different from one another, but all have the same common theme of coming of age. This fascinates me, and I think that this will be a very enjoyable project for me.

How: Through using the forms of research I have listed above, I will study, compare, and contrast all of my sources to analyze the theme of coming of age in young adolescent literature, and why it is so important. This is a theme I see myself teaching a lot about in my classroom, and I am really excited to apply this knowledge to my future classroom..