

Guidelines for your World Literature essays

We are unable to give you topics or titles for your essays; however the following are suggested starting points from the IB teacher support material.

An exploration of the ways in which the role of women is presented in ...

The presentation and significance of marital conflicts in ...

The significance of ... in ...

The relationship between plot structure and character development in ... and ...

An investigation into the portrayal of ... and ...

The symbol of ... in ... and ...

A comparison of the creation and functions of dramatic tension in ... and ...

Features of an appropriate World Literature Assignment topic:

Appropriate topics are characterised by:

- A focus on the literary aspects of the work(s) to be used.
- Clearly articulated titles that provide sufficient information about the topics chosen and the writer's intentions.
- Awareness of the implications of the assessment criteria regarding the length, breadth and depth of discussion required.
- A discussion that goes beyond only a description of the characters or events of the works.

Remember, your assignment should be between 1000-1500 words in length and the word count should be clearly indicated at the end.

Deadline for thesis statement:

Deadline for detailed plan (and all associated quotations):

Deadline for first draft:

The above deadlines are all ones that you should set for yourself in order to keep yourself focussed on your essay; if you always think in terms of getting 'a bit done each day' but are not specific about your goals you will soon find that all the days are gone and your essay is not done.