Hamlet/Shakespeare Research Assignment

AP Lit. 12

Choose one of the following questions to research and write about. You will have library research time to explore your question, learn more, utilize literary databases, review proper documentation. You will form a thesis statement in response to your question. You’ll have approximately 3-4 research blocks and one week to write your research paper. You’ll see rubric for additional requirements. You will need to draw on/incorporate 3 sources. Remember to keep track of all sources you use as you don’t want to be going back and trying to identify them right before your paper is due.

1. *Hamlet* is often lauded as the language’s first modern play. Determine the characteristics of one of the central characters that account for this.

2. Why is death a constant end in the tragedies written by Shakespeare?

3. Why do all tragedies of Shakespeare feature the occult?

4. Is Hamlet primarily a tragedy of revenge?

5. What was expected of women in relation to men when Shakespeare wrote *Hamlet*? What were gender roles like?