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Week 14 Assignment Sheet  
November 30, 2023  
Due December 7, 2023

**Unless specifically stated, no outside resources (Web sites, books, magazines, etc.) should be consulted to complete weekly homework assignments. *In other words, don't just Google the answer.* All assignments, unless otherwise noted, should be completed in MLA format.**

### Literature

- Read both short stories: "The Chrysanthemums" by John Steinbeck and "A Clean Well-Lighted Place" by Ernest Hemingway. Making your own annotations and using the annotation notes included in the short stories will be helpful to you as you read.
- THERE WILL BE A QUIZ OVER MODERN LITERATURE from our lecture in class. The first 12 questions are multiple choice. There will also be two short answer questions, one on "A Rose for Emily" and one on "The Chrysanthemums."

### Writing

- Answer the following questions on "The Chrysanthemums" by John Steinbeck.
  1. "The Chrysanthemums" is set in 1938 toward the end of The Great Depression. Do you think this economic downturn had a negative impact on the Allens? Why or why not? Use RACE format: cite evidence from the story, and explain how the evidence supports your answer.
  2. Steinbeck uses the metaphor "a closed pot" to describe the valley where Elisa lives (3). Then, as the tinkerer's wagon leaves, Elisa whispers, "that's a bright direction. There's a glowing there" (225). Using the annotations from the text to help you, answer the following with a well-developed paragraph. Include textual evidence to support your answer. Is Elisa happy and satisfied with her life as Henry's wife, or does she feel that she is stuck in a gloomy, static place? In your answer, address why she is crying at the end of the story.
- Answer the following questions on "A Clean Well-Lighted Place" by Ernest Hemingway.
  1. Write a brief (no more than 2 complete sentences) definition of Existential Nihilism. Include your source.
  2. According to the waiters, why did the older man at the café try to kill himself? Why do they not have any compassion for him? Identify how the reader understands they do not have compassion, and explain how the text supports your answer. Answer in complete sentences, and cite the lines from where your information came.
  3. (Jr/Sr. and Honors Question ONLY) The older waiter is not ready to go home, but he is ready to leave work. Why does he want to stay out longer than the younger waiter,

and where is a good place to be? Answer in RACE format. *Honors: Incorporate the answer to the question below.\**

### Honors

- Question 2:** When you answer question two, include an explanation of how the older man's attitude and the lack of compassion from the two waiters is consistent with Existential Nihilism.
- Question 3:** When you answer question three, include what the clean well-lighted place symbolizes. (Compare this to the environments of the day, bars, and bodegas.) Provide textual support for your answer.

### Grammar

- Review pages 72-77 in *Handbook for Grammar and Composition*. In your workbook, complete exercises 118-120.

### Vocabulary

- Be familiar with the following words from your vocabulary list:  
**Abundant, attribute, coincide, conventional, dexterity, expend, indifferent, modify, precise, relevant, subversive.** You will have a short quiz over these words.

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