

**ENG 103**  
**Summer Reading Assignment**  
**“The Human Experience”**

In his work, “A Way of Writing,” William Stafford proposes:

“Writing itself is one of the great, free human activities. There is scope for individuality, and elation, and discovery, in writing. For the person who follows with trust and forgiveness what occurs to him, the world remains always ready and deep, an inexhaustible environment, with the combined vividness of an actuality and flexibility of a dream. Working back and forth between experience and thought, writers have more than space and time can offer. They have the whole unexplored realm of human vision.”

For this assignment you will choose **two** works of literature from the list provided.\* After thoroughly engaging in each text, describe in a well-developed literary analysis how the author of each selected work draws on the human experience to connect to the reader. Discuss how each author’s writing style and use of literary elements function in the novels. Be sure to compare or contrast the chosen texts. You may consider, but are not limited to, the following prompts:

- What aspects of the human experience may have inspired the authors to write each of these works?
- What is the overall message of each work and what might it teach readers about life?
- How does each writing style portray the message especially through the use of literary elements (i.e. theme, conflict, setting, character)

This paper must:

- Analyze both works of literature through logical organization of information
- Establish a focused and original thesis supported by specific examples of critique
- Typed and double-spaced, in black Times New Roman, size 12 font
- Cite textual evidence from each work using accurate in-text citations
- Include a properly formatted Works Cited page
- Be written in MLA style (w/appropriate title page, header, etc.)
- Meet a 4-5 page minimum length requirement

Your analysis is due to turnitin.com and a hard copy to Mrs. Cummings, no later than **Friday, September 11, 2020 at 3:15 pm.**

\*You only need to read one book if you choose *East of Eden* or *The Mists of Avalon*.  
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