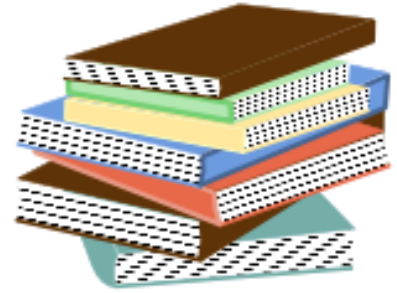


# A Final Project: Themes in Literature

Work in groups of three (or two)

1. **Choose** one of the following topics from the official [pool of Matura topics](#).

2. **Find a novel** that deals with this topic or theme. The list of ideas for Matura specials might help you, but you can use any other book that you would like to read. You might also start with a novel that you have always wanted to read and see if it fits into any of the topics from the Matura pool.



3. **Read the novel** of your choice and see what it says about your topic/theme. Mark interesting passages as you go along.

## 4. Project Booklet:

In your project booklet you are going to analyze the novel in detail AND you are going to practice all the text-types relevant for the Matura.

Write each of the following texts and find meaningful ways to relate them to your novel. Upload your texts to moodle for feedback AND always bring a printout to class for peer-conferencing.

- **an article** (newspaper or magazine): Go through your novel and see if you find an incident or an event that might make it into the news. Imagine this incident had happened recently (or yesterday) and write a newspaper article about it. You might also decide to write a magazine article based on some problem/issue in your novel. In both cases, ask yourself: Who is my audience? What do I want to communicate? How will I do that best? Reread the "article writing recipe" and info materials before you start writing.
- **a formal letter**: Find a good reason to write a formal letter in the context of your novel. What kind of letter would be fitting for your novel. A character might write to another character (find a formal situation). You might write to the author or to the publisher. You might write to a character...
- **a recommendation report**: For this report you will probably need some additional information (internet) or you will have to invent some (plausible) facts. Start by rereading the report-writing info sheet(s). Then choose a topic/issue in your novel where somebody (you, a character...) might make a recommendation. Who asked for this report?
- **a 5-paragraph essay**: In this essay choose one of the main themes of your novel and write a crystal-clear thesis statement (not a question!!!). For example: In this essay I will show that Dorian Gray is an irresponsible, egocentric and immoral character who only cares for himself and harms the people around him. In the following paragraphs explain in detail what you have "promised" in your thesis statement and round it off in your conclusion.
- **any other**: Add some creative pages that show important aspects of your novel. (diary, ad, travel brochure, poem, song, cartoon, poster, movie-poster, new book cover, ...)

**Video Presentation:** Prepare a 5 minute presentation of an interesting aspect of your novel and its topic/theme. In your presentation use 5 visuals (no text slides!!!). Find an interesting format for your presentation and practice it several times.

Record your presentation and upload the file to moodle.

Tip: If you have never used any video software -- try [Debut Video Capture](#). It is a free video recording software that is very easy to use. Record your presentation in .avi or .flv format. These formats can be viewed by most players. You can also use your mobile phone to record your presentation.