

## English 392: The Great American Novel

You will deliver a presentation on one “Great American Novel” from our pre-distributed list (see attachment on this site). You must use a power-point/prezi type of software. Your presentation will proceed as follows:

(Aim for no more than 8 minutes per section):

- 1) A summary of the novel’s master narrative.
- 2) An overview of the novel’s use of literary devices.
- 3) A close reading of one major passage.
- 4) A breakdown and discussion of one critical article.
- 5) A discussion of the novel’s canonical status.
- 6) A discussion of its distinctive “American”-ness.
- 7) Final judgment: Is this a “Great American Novel”?
- 8) Question and answer period.

I am happy to consult with you along the way. Please make use of all available university resources, including the speaking center (for which I shall grant extra credit).

\*Grading: See the syllabus under “Grading Criteria.”

Good luck!