

The Faustian Bargain

A mini research paper

Assignment:

A situation in which a person or collective entity takes the short term view instead of the long term one, i.e. “sells his/its soul to the devil” in exchange for power, wealth, or other benefits, has come to be known as a “Faustian Bargain.”

Several contemporary issues have been linked to this term. You may also be able to identify other situations in which this definition could apply.

Compare the theme of Marlowe’s *Dr. Faustus*, that long-term consequences outweigh short-term gain, to a contemporary issue that you feel fits this definition. You will do research and cite sources as you use the information in the essay. Incorporate what you have learned of the morality play *Dr. Faustus* as you analyze the topic you have chosen.

Remember your forms of argument. YOU are the author of an original thesis here. All you have to do is clearly state what you are comparing/proving, and the PROVE it with support from outside sources and well-chosen rhetoric.

Timeline:

Wednesday, Nov 2 Paper assigned (GO!)

Friday, Nov 11 Thesis statement and sources due. Thesis may be more than one sentence. If it is easier, you may submit your whole introduction. Include these all on the same page in your drafts tab in OneNote by 3:00.

Friday, November 18 Final draft is due. Submit to turnitin.com. If you may submit before 3:00 pm on Thursday and view your originality report, you may make changes and resubmit. The paper will be considered late after 3:00 pm Friday. IF YOU ARE ABSENT FOR ANY REASON, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME IN ADVANCE.

Format:

- MLA format: 12 pt font, double-spaced, parenthetical citations corresponding to Works Cited page. See Hacker or Purdue OWL for details.
- Logical organization of the body based on points in the opening.
- At least three quality sources, plus your Marlowe text (four total). Wikipedia, Answers.com, etc. are NOT to be counted within these three.

Grading Rubric:

See separate document.