**Unit 2 Paper Assignment**

Write a paper on a focused topic about one of the following:

Flannery O’Connor’s “A Temple of the Holy Ghost”  
Baldwin’s “Sonny’s Blues”   
Carver’s “Cathedral”  
Morrison’s “Recitatif”   
Orange’s “The State”

You are welcome to use one of your 500-word assignments for Unit 2 as a beginning for your paper, but you are also free to write on an entirely new topic.

Remember that your primary task is to engage in **extended close readings of passages** that are relevant to your chosen topic. Your own interpretation of the text should be your guide in structuring your final paper.

**Length of paper**: 1500 words

**Format**:Modern Language Association

* **Your paper must incorporate at least three approved sources**, one of which may be from our class discussions. Your references must be cited following MLA format. You will also need a Works Cited page.
* Visit the website below for reliable information on MLA format: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html>

**Complete first draft**:

* Due Oct 26 in Canvas by 2pm.

**Final draft:**

* Due Nov 2 in Canvas by 11:59pm

**Help with this assignment:**

* I encourage you to schedule a time to meet individually with me or with Mr. Corona to discuss your ideas for a paper. We can help at any point in the writing process, including brainstorming, identifying focused topics, developing drafts, and making final revisions.
* SJSU’s Writing Center is also an excellent resource. Peer tutors in the Center can help you with your drafts, and you can continue to work with them over the rest of your time at SJSU.