

## Information Literacy Assignment example

### Writing 105

#### *Los Angeles and the 1930s*

Fall, 2005

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**Instructor** [Omitted]

#### **Course Description**

In its many depictions in modern literature and the arts, Los Angeles inspires fear, energy, hope, rivalry and greed as very few other places have done. This American city is another instance of 20<sup>th</sup> century modernization and its accompanying crises, even though change was happening across the country during the 1930s and 1940s. What was so different about Los Angeles? You should expect to engage with important and influential works as we grapple with urbanization, race and class issues, and profound social change as embodied by the city in the mid-twentieth century. We will attempt to understand how specific writers tried to comprehend and represent the world around them in a time when [Omitted]

**Course Requirements:** [Omitted]

#### **Assignment 1: Presentation**

**Objective:** You will learn how to search for and identify significant figures and topics related to 1930s Los Angeles. People and topics include but are not limited to the list below. Come and see me if you would like to explore a different topic.

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**  
**Ray Bradbury**  
**Raymond Chandler**  
**Nathaniel West**  
**John Fante**  
**Charles Mingus**

**Richard Neutra**  
**Frank Lloyd Wright**  
**Rudolph Schindler**  
**Central Plaza**  
**Harry Chandler (publisher)**  
[Omitted]

**Directions:** Using at least two of the following resources research your subject. *You must be able to relate the importance of these people or places to the works we are reading.* You will be responsible for one individual presentation (15 minutes) in which you will introduce the rest of the class to a figure or topic which played a significant role in the Los Angeles scene in the 1930s. Use a general web search tool (e.g., Google) to find any *additional* information. Compare and contrast your results. You may browse through one of the following databases available through the Library at <http://www.calstatela.edu/library/databases.htm>

*Historical Los Angeles Times, 1886-1981*

*Dictionary of Literary Biography*

*Grove Dictionary of Music (Grove Music Online)*

*Contemporary Authors*

*Los Angeles A to Z: An encyclopedia of the city and county (print) LIB-N Reference*