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**What is a Classic?**

***(50 point assignment)***

**Explanation**:

If something is referred to as being “classic,” what does this mean? Many times when individuals hear the word “classic” or “classical” they naturally think of pieces of literature or music, which makes sense. In addition to great pieces of literature and music, there is a myriad of other aspects to our culture that could be considered “classic.”

Prior to explaining your assignment, let’s get some insight into the word “classic.” It has been suggested that the Latin root *classicus*, relates to the “first or highest class or division” in which the Roman people were anciently divided. These individuals were often spoken of as *classici.* So, the word “classic” could be interpreted to mean “**of the first class**,” or “**of the highest order**.” The word is probably best captured by our slang expression, “classy.”

Knowing this little bit of information, what do you consider to be a “classic?”

**Assignment**:

For your assignment, you are to consider the word “classic,” and then **locate and include an image** of what you believe to be a “classic.” There is no right or wrong choice, as long as you can justify you choice as being “of the first class” or “of the highest order.” Then, further justify your choice in writing by answering the following questions in your response.

1. **First paragraph**: In your own words, what does the term “classic” mean to you?
2. **Second paragraph:** Identify your “classic” choice.

Start with the phrase,

“ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a classic example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. **Third paragraph:** Tell me why you think we call the myths of the Greek and Romans “Classical Mythology.” Why not call them “Grecian and Roman Mythology?” We refer to other mythologies this way, such as “Japanese Mythology” or “Egyptian Mythology.” Why do **you think** we call Greek and Roman myths “Classical Mythology?”

**\*\*Flip this over for the rubric and staple this paper, rubric side up, to your printed draft.**

**Requirements**: ***(50 possible points)***

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| **Requirement** | **Points Possible** | **Points Earned** |
| ***Double-spaced in 12 pt Times New Roman font with minimal grammatical errors*** | **10** |  |
| ***Support your topic sentences well*** | **10** |  |
| ***Include an image of your chosen “classic example”*** | **5** |  |
| ***Give your writing an interesting title*** | **5** |  |
| ***Underline your topic sentences. These should not be very long*** | **10** |  |
| **3 full separate paragraphs (1 for each of the topics outlined on the instructions side)** | **10** |  |
| **Total** | **50** |  |