

Final Research Paper

Can or should satire improve society or individual people? If so, how? If not, what else does it do?

How would Juvenal answer these questions, in your view? While arguing your own view consider the views of Malcolm Gladwell in “The Satire Paradox,” as well as those of the Juvenal scholars we have read. Make sure to draw on copious examples from the text of Juvenal to support your ideas. You may also want to bring in examples of contemporary satire to compare.

Length and format: this paper may be of any length, in any format or structure you wish. Just make sure to show your considerable familiarity with and understanding of Juvenal, to reflect thoughtfully on the function(s) of satire, and to situate your view within the relevant secondary scholarship we have read.

Rubric

Passages from Juvenal are copious, well-understood, and carefully interpreted	/20
Juvenal examples reflect knowledge of many of his satires	/10
Own view of function(s) of satire is thoughtful and expressed clearly	/20
Own view is situated within those found in the secondary scholarship	/20
Classical and modern texts are properly cited	/10
Errors in the sentence structure, word usage, punctuation, and spelling are few	/10
Sentences are varied and the language is clear, specific, and uninflated	/10
Total	/100