

**John Steinbeck’s “The Chrysanthemums” Seminar Topics:
Monday Evening**

Directions: Be prepared to lead the class in a discussion of your specific topic. Handouts are encouraged. If wish to create a PowerPoint, or otherwise project images, let me know in advance. Your presentation and discussion should take between 5 and 10 minutes.

<i>Topic (in order of presentation)</i>	<i>Name</i>
1. John Steinbeck biography	
2. Story background/ historical, horticultural, geographical accuracy	
3. Plot Analysis	
4. Character Development	
5. Setting	
6. Symbolism	
7. Steinbeck’s Style/ textual analysis	
8. Major Themes	
9. Feminism issues	
10. Critical Review (What literary critics have said about this story)	

I will grade your presentation using the following rubric/ it will be graded in the “Participation” category.

<p>0-69 (F – D)</p> <p>No formal introduction or introduction had no clear thesis statement nor offered any preview of topics to be discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main ideas were not separated into a logical progression • Important ideas were not supported with references or data • No conclusion or conclusion did not adequately summarize presentation • Presentation did not use time allotted. 	<p>70 - 89 (C – B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction had clear thesis statement and a preview of topics to be discussed • Main ideas were separated into a logical progression • Speaker supported important ideas and viewpoints through accurate and detailed references to text or other works • Conclusion restated thesis statement and summarized the ideas presented • Time requirement was met for specific assignment (not too long or too short) 	<p>90-100 (A)</p> <p>In addition to meeting the PROFICIENT criteria.... Clever attention getting introduction or an imaginative thesis and preview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas connected by original transitions, logical throughout; creative pattern • Conclusion tied ideas together and left audience with memorable message
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