

9th Grade - Midterm Essay on *The Pearl*

Due by \_\_\_\_\_

Topics (choose 1):

**John Steinbeck** - Research his life, his work, and his influence on literature. Write up your findings as a 5 paragraph research paper.

**La Paz** - Research the history, culture, and industry of this town. Be sure to include a discussion of the influence of colonialism on the town. Your research does not need to be confined to the time period of the novel.

**Colonialism** - Research the influence of colonialism in the Americas. Discuss its positive and negative influences on people, land, culture, and economics, and on the development of the Americas as they are today.

**\*This essay should be at least 5 paragraphs. See checklist on back for formatting requirements.**

**\*\*Please remember to properly cite all information from outside sources. You cannot use someone else's words or ideas without citing them!**