

Honors Program Symposium

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Introduction

Lydia Finkbeiner, from Clarkston, WA, is earning her Associate in Arts Degree and high school diploma simultaneously through Walla Walla Community College's Running Start Program. After graduating, she plans to study American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation at Spokane Falls Community College, with the goal of becoming an Educational ASL Interpreter in public schools to serve the Deaf community.

Cultural Analysis Essay

Intercultural Communication, CMST&240, Fall 2024, Connie Loomer

Fall quarter of 2024, I interviewed Grecia, a college student from the Chiapas region of Mexico, to learn about her customs and lifestyle.

- Interview
 - I talked with Grecia and explored cultural values and concepts
- Analysis
 - I compared her experiences with my own, and found where there are similarities and differences between our cultures.
- Essay
 - I wrote an essay where I talked about the main points of our conversation and explored our different cultural backgrounds.



To take a look at the full project, use this QR code



Mushroom Ring Research Project and Powerpoint Presentation

English Composition II, ENGL&102, Winter 2025, Reenie Arnold

Winter quarter of 2024-2025 I worked with professor Reenie Arnold to build upon a research essay done for class, and turning it into a multimedia presentation.

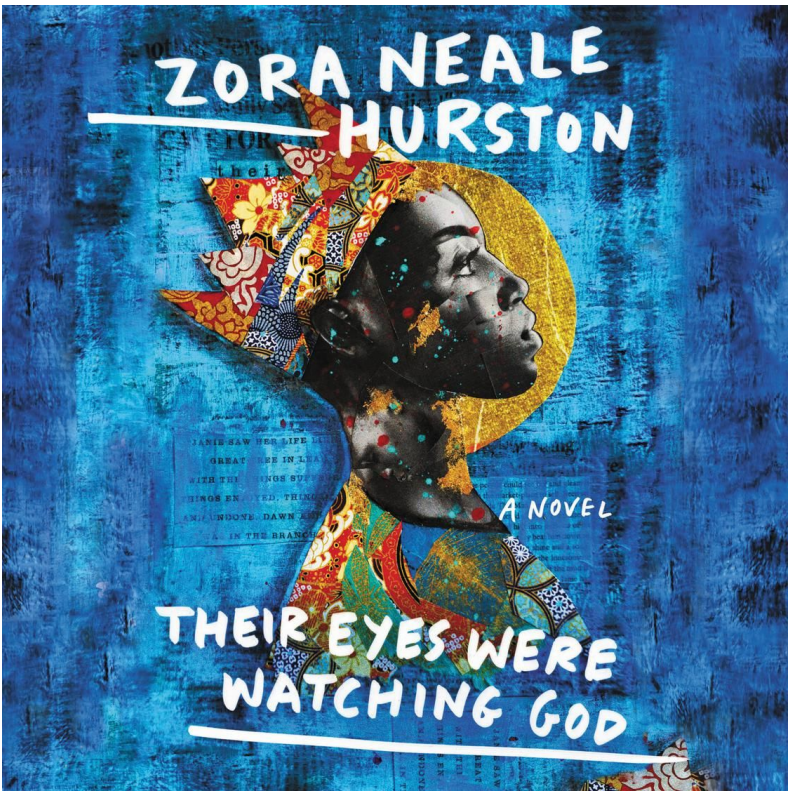
- Powerpoint skills
 - I had never before used power point to construct and record a presentation before. This was a learning curve for me, but I am grateful to now have this skill.
- Research
 - I had to build upon previous research for this presentation, and find visuals to match up to my talking points.

Novel Analysis and Essay

World Literature I, ENGL&254, Spring 2024, Dahood M El-Oqla

Spring quarter of 2025 I read an additional novel, and created a literature analysis paper based on my insight of the book and supplementary research.

- Novel
 - I read “Their Eyes Were Watching God”
 - I spent time analysing and researching the book
- Paper
 - I created a 1000 word Literary analysis of the novel, centering around the themes of self acceptance and discovery.



The WWCC Honors program has helped me grow as a student by presenting extra opportunities for projects, developing better research skills, and better delving into the areas of study for each class I completed a project for. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be in this program, and excited about the educational opportunities it has provided me.