

Research Essay

The Assignment:

Drawing upon scholarly research, compose an original scholarly interpretation of a cultural topic of your choosing.

Content requirements:

- Your essay must refer to a minimum of **five** secondary sources, **three** of which must be scholarly sources.
- Your essay must begin with a fully-developed introduction that includes an original thesis about your cultural topic.
- Your essay must prove your thesis through an appropriate use of summaries, quotes, and paraphrases from both your primary and secondary sources. Essays that do not contain textual evidence in the form of summaries, quotes and paraphrases will not receive a passing grade.
- Your quotes and paraphrases must be cited in either MLA or APA parenthetical style.
- Your essay must end with a fully developed conclusion.
- Your essay must contain a Works Cited/References page written in either MLA or APA style.

Format requirements:

- Minimum length 2000 words; maximum length 3000 words.
- Format: typed, **double-spaced**, with 1" margins, 12 pt. Times font, left justified.
- Parenthetical citations and Works Cited/References page must follow MLA or APA style.
- Include the following in the upper right hand side of the first page: your name; the title of your essay; the number of words in your essay; the name, number, section and time of your class; and your professor's name.
- Number each page, centering the page number at the bottom of the page.
- Proofread carefully. Use your spell check function on your word processor.

You must upload an MS Word file containing a properly formatted draft of your essay to this assignment's folder in turnitin.com to receive a grade. Your essay will be graded and commented on in turnitin.com.