AGAD 100
Research Plan

Summary

This assignment aims to help students write the final research paper.

Objective

Practice writing a thesis statement. Make use of the available resources. Develop an outline

Value

10% of the final grade

Detailed instructions

Step one: Choose from one of the following topics/research questions as a focal point for your paper:

a. How does the presence (or absence) of arts education in schools affect individuals?

b. How are health and wellness connected to arts and culture? (Choose to discuss two or three connections.)

c. What impact has the recent change to the way music and/or film is accessed or purchased (streaming vs. purchasing at a record store) had on this sector over the past 10 years?

d. Discuss strategies and actions concerning sustainability in the arts and cultural sector.

e. What evidence (research) exists about the contributions that arts and culture make to us individually?

f. Choose to study one aspect of relationship between the arts and the economy (for example, the economic impact of festivals; gentrification and the arts; micro-grants to artists) and discuss the arts and economic impact.

g. What are some of the most pressing issues facing arts and cultural managers today? (research and write about one or two)

h. How do arts and/or cultural programs/organizations/events build an develop communities?

i. Discuss two pivotal events in the history of settler-Indigenous relations, and examine how they influenced arts and culture in Canada.

j. How have multiculturalism or equity policies influenced the arts and cultural sector in Canada and how have they fallen short?

k. If you have another idea or none of these topics appeal to you, please contact your instructor at least two weeks before the deadline.

Step two: Research the topic by finding articles, reports, books, and credible websites that inform your topic and that provide varying points of view. *Your views must be supported by research*.

Step three: Prepare a thesis statement, one-page outline and annotated bibliography as per the marking rubric.

Instructor's note: I recognize that the most appropriate sources will differ depending on your question and research approach. I am open to students using some nontraditional sources, such as social media posts or blogs from practitioners. However, I expect to see some scholarly sources (3 minimum).