

ESSAY 1

DUE DATES: 15 June (Friday) – Final Draft via Canvas

15 June (Friday—8:00 a.m.) – Hardcopy Rough Draft

Length: 800 words minimum (no maximum)

Format/Font: MLA/Arial or Times New Roman, 12pt

For your first essay, you will write a paper that contains some elements of a research proposal. State why you have chosen this topic and why it is significant. Primarily, think about why this topic is important to you and what your goal is. Do you just want to add to the conversation, or do you believe that you have a solution to a problem?

Introduction

Introduce your topic

Provide the reason(s) you have chosen this topic: personal; something that you have always been interested in; social or cultural problem that needs to be addressed and etcetera

Purpose for paper and research question(s) your research paper will address

Background

This can be included in your introduction if it is not too long

Provide a brief history about your topic

Describe the major issues or areas that you will address in your research paper

Answer the “so what?” question—or why anyone should care about this

Methods and Procedures

State what areas within your topic that you plan to review

Detail what sources you will be using (EBSCO . . .)

Explain the type of information you will be using and how

Conclusion

Reiterate significance of topic and implications or outcome

State what you plan to accomplish with your research

Additional Information:

No contractions

Avoid second person (you, your)

Check *Purdue Owl* or HCC’s Library Style Guides for proper documentation procedures

Spell out words such as: etc. – etcetera – and so forth (Latin *et cetera*); e.g. – for example (Latin *exempli gratia*); i.e. – that is [in other words] (Latin *id est*)

Use academic language