

Forgiveness: Messages from Our Culture

The purpose of this assignment is to investigate the positive and negative messages that we receive through popular culture about forgiveness and to present those findings in a paper.

Search for some current popular magazines, newspaper articles, music, movies, television programs, and religious materials for messages on forgiveness. Attempt to balance your collection of messages between the positive messages and the negative messages on forgiving others and on accepting forgiveness. You should have at least 10 sources. Each movie, magazine article, episode of a television show, song is one source. (Multiple examples from the same source will count as ONE source).

Paper Components:

- I. Introduction
Provide an introductory paragraph that establishes the focus and goals of the paper. Be sure to provide a clear preview statement.
- II. Body
 - A. Positive messages about forgiveness: In this section of the paper, you should identify and explain the positive messages about forgiveness that you found in popular culture. Be sure to provide clear examples of each positive message and cite the sources for the message.
 - B. Negative messages about forgiveness: In this section of the paper, you should identify and explain the negative messages about forgiveness that you found in popular culture. Be sure to provide clear examples of each negative message and cite the sources for the message.
 - C. Dominant popular culture view of forgiveness: Based on what you found in popular culture, make an argument for that the view of forgiveness in U.S. popular culture is mostly negative or mostly positive. Provide reasons and examples to support your claim.
 - D. Forgiveness and conflict management: In this section, explain how the dominant popular culture view of forgiveness affects conflict management.
- III. Conclusion
Provide a concluding paragraph that summarizes what you have done in the paper and gives closure to the paper.

Documentation:

You should clearly cite your sources in your paper using APA. In addition, you should provide a reference page at the end of your paper. **Per the course policy on academic dishonesty, failure to quote and/or paraphrase sources appropriately could result in a failing grade on this assignment. At minimum, improper citation will result in a point penalty on this assignment.**

Format:

Your essay should be typed, double-spaced in a 12-point font and you should use one-inch margins.

This paper should represent your own work. While you may talk with classmates and friends about this assignment and ask their opinions on ideas, you need to ensure that the paper you give to me represents your own independent work on this paper.

Due Date: April 28 at 9:30 a.m.