

WRIT 303  
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## Paper 2: Guidelines

This 1250-word essay assignment requires you to do the following:

- 1) Choose one of the questions below;
- 2) Develop a strong, critical, and original argument;
- 3) Write a research paper using ONE course text and TWO outside (secondary) sources.  
\*One of these outside sources MUST come from the York College library's academic databases; it should be a peer-reviewed, scholarly article (newspapers, popular magazines, and encyclopedia entries will NOT suffice).

### Questions:

- a) What is the relationship between racial justice and socioeconomics? Use the Hannah-Jones text and TWO outside sources to develop a critical argument (one source MUST be a peer-reviewed, scholarly article from the York College Library's academic databases).
- b) In what way is disability justice linked to medical professions? Use either the Ratcliff or Blauwet text and TWO outside sources to develop a critical argument (one source MUST be a peer-reviewed, scholarly article from the York College Library's academic databases).
- c) How are worker rights connected to the service industry? Use either the text by Maslin Nir or Bloch and TWO outside sources to develop a critical argument (one source MUST be a peer-reviewed, scholarly article from the York College Library's academic databases).
- d) What is the importance of legal justice in community activist work? Use the "Justice in America" podcast episode and TWO outside sources to develop a critical argument (one source MUST be a peer-reviewed, scholarly article from the York College Library's academic databases).
- e) What role does environmental justice play in the corporate or industrial sector? Use either the text by Pratt or Belfi/Nazario and TWO outside sources to develop a critical argument (one source MUST be a peer-reviewed, scholarly article from the York College Library's academic databases).

### Detailed Instructions:

1) In the opening paragraph, this paper should have a **strong, critical argument** that goes beyond surface observations. Introduce the course text the paper will analyze.

\*Tip 1: Identify the course text you are analyzing and explain the impact or consequences your argument will have for your readers. Be careful to avoid generalizations and stereotypes!

2) The subsequent (body) paragraphs should **analyze specific passages** from your chosen course text AND two outside sources to demonstrate how you've arrived at your argument and interpretations.

\*Tip 2: Analyze don't summarize! This is *not* a book report. Make points throughout the paper that relate to your argument using keywords from your opening paragraph.

3) You will need to **incorporate well-chosen direct quotations** from the course text and two sources you analyze. These quotes **MUST follow MLA or APA citation style**. For information on citations, please visit the Purdue OWL (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>).

\*Tip 3: Do not allow quotations to overwhelm your paper! For any direct quotation you include, make sure to write an ANALYSIS of the passage that is *roughly double* the length of the quotation itself.

4) A **Works Cited or References page** is required. Please consult the Purdue OWL for instructions on formatting. \*The citations page is NOT included in your word minimum.

5) Your paper should be **no less than 1250 words** in length. Use 12 point Times New Roman font and one-inch margins all around. Be sure to **include a title and page numbers**. Proofread your paper paying attention to sentence mechanics, consistent syntax, style, and grammar.

### Deadline and Submission:

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| <b>DRAFT 1 of this paper is due on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> BEFORE 5:00PM.</b> |
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The draft is mandatory and late work doesn't receive written comments. Post your draft in TWO places:

1) Post your draft as an MS Word attachment in Assignments:

- Go to "Assignments"; Click on Paper #2 DRAFT
- Click "Browse My Computer" and choose your file (DO NOT click "Write Submission")
- "Submit"

2) Post your draft as an attachment IN YOUR GROUP:

- Go to "Groups"
- Paper #2: Peer Review
- "Group Discussion Board"
- "Paper #2: Peer Review"
- Create Thread
- Copy and paste your essay in "Message"
- "Submit"

*\*This draft will be reviewed by peers within your group. After you receive comments from your peers, you will have time to revise and polish your essay.*

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| <b>PEER REVIEW is due Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> BEFORE 5:00PM.</b> This Peer Review is worth 2% of your final grade. |
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You are required to offer constructive feedback for ALL members of your peer review group:

- Go to “Groups,” “Paper #2: Peer Review,” “Group Discussion Board”
- Read the papers posted by ALL members in your group
- Post your comments by replying to your classmates’ thread

To earn credit, your comments **MUST** answer the following questions for each paper you read:

- 1) As a reader, what do you see as the argument and keywords of this paper?
- 2) How can the argument be strengthened?
- 3) Is the argument strong, original, and critical, and does it appear in the opening paragraph?
- 4) How is the argument continued or sustained throughout the paragraphs that follow and where does the paper need to be more focused?
- 5) Does this paper use keywords to help transition between paragraphs?
- 6) Where does the paper explain the keywords that are introduced in the opening paragraph and where do you suggest the author include more explanation?
- 7) Where does this paper incorporate analyses of direct quotations using MLA/APA style?
- 8) Where does this paper need more attention on mechanics, proofreading, consistent syntax, and grammar?
- 9) Does this paper follow the style requirements and include a correct Works Cited/References page?

**PAPER #2 (1250 words, revised and polished) is due on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> BEFORE 5:00PM.** Papers submitted late do not earn full credit unless you have an emergency situation (please contact me if you do!). Paper #2 is worth **20%** of your final grade.

Post your revised essay **AS AN ATTACHMENT** in Assignments.

- Click on Paper #2 REVISION
- Click “Browse My Computer” and choose your file (do NOT click “write submission”)
- “Submit”