

COMS 356: Intercultural Communication

Reading Response Paper (15 points):

The purpose of the reading is to provide a foundation for the material covered in class. Class discussion will build from the reading so it is assumed that the reading has been completed by the assigned date. You will be required to write a 5-6 page essay responding to a set of questions related to the readings from the first half of the semester. All papers should be typed. Papers will be evaluated on: 1.) demonstration that reading has been completed, 2.) application of concepts and ideas, 3.) clarity of writing. **Must include Introduction paragraph, Body paragraphs (with a., b., c., etc. in beginning of paragraph to identify which question you are answering, and Conclusion paragraph.** Paper must use and cite concepts, theories, terms from the textbook and course reader, which requires you to include in-text citations and a Reference Page/Works Cited page at end of paper.

Question A:

Based on your reading of Chapter 3 the article by Grinde (in the Course Reader):

- What role does power play in who has the authority to create history? and,
- How does the socially constructed category of “race” impact your everyday life?

Question B:

Based on your reading of the article by McIntosh and the article by Martin (in the Course Reader):

- Based on McIntosh’s article, what is “White Privilege?”
- Based on Martin’s article, what are characteristics of “White Identity?”
- How have you experienced White Privilege/lack of White Privilege? (either as an advantage/benefit and/or as a lack of advantage?)