

Reflective Essay Assignment II

“Texas Tough” by Robert Perkinson (page 190 in Blind Goddess)

A cover sheet should include your name, class, and date, and a photograph you took specifically for the assignment which depicts one of the main themes of the article.

Your essay should include the following:

- **A clear explanation of why you chose this particular photograph and a brief description of how your photograph is related to the main theme of the article (One paragraph on the cover page).**
- **The author’s thesis. (one well developed paragraph).**
- **An analysis of the evidence—both anecdotal and empirical—the author provides in support of his thesis.**
- **An analysis of the author’s thesis as it relates to the various theories we’ve discussed in class, including the Sociological Imagination, Rational Choice and Utilitarianism Theory, Just-World Theory, Functional Theory, and Conflict Theory (This section is particularly important and should comprise at least 6 paragraphs)**
- **Ideas about changes in public (prison) policy the author would support (one paragraph)**

The paper should be three full pages in length (with an additional cover page that contains the photo). Use a 12 pt font, 1.5 spacing, and 1" margins. Use only Calabri or Times New Roman font.

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