

TERM PAPER TIPS!

Hola Familia!

Ok, here's a text I prepared for the class but I'm gonna give it to you in advance since it pretty much summarizes the idea of this paper.

Here it is:

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The idea of this 6 pages (or 1500 words) paper is to practice the Essay format writing. In a nutshell, an essay is a short piece of writing on a particular subject. Yes, 6 pages is short if you compare it to some mandatory 20-25 pages papers in other courses. The Main theme here is, obviously, Latin American music because that's the concentration of this course. So you can choose a music topic from any country between Mexico and Argentina.

What do you want to choose as your subject? It can be a Music Genre or Style, an Artist, a Composer, a performer, a Song, a Band, a Record (like Vinyl or CD), a Dance or form of Dance, a music style that influenced other art forms, a Movie, a Play, etc. Makes sense?

Here's something that can help you out to organize your process:

Simple steps that will guide you through the essay writing process:

1. Decide on your topic.
2. Prepare an outline or diagram of your ideas.
3. Write your thesis statement.
4. Write the body. Write the main points. Write the sub points.
5. Write the introduction.
6. Write the conclusion.
7. Add the finishing touches.

In case you're wondering which kind of approach you want to use, these are the four major types of essays according to their purposes:

- Narrative Essays: Telling a Story. In a narrative essay, the writer tells a story about a real-life experience.
- Descriptive Essays: for example, Painting a Picture, writing a song, performing a concert, conducting an orchestra.
- Expository Essays: Just the Facts. But then you add your vision on the matter.
- Persuasive Essays: Convince Me.

As you can see, the personal aspect is very important so, yes my dear, you can write in first person, meaning you can be involved as part of the Narrative and say something like "In my own experience", "My approach to", "I was part of a situation in which..." Got it?

Well Familia, I really hope this helps regarding the paper. Go for that A+

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PS: You're free to choose the formatting you like better. I'm ok with any of them (MLA, APA, Chicago etc). And for Sources/Bibliography use as much as needed. Usually 3 are the minimum. Not all sources have to be from library: you can use web sites like Youtube, Jstor, Groove as a material source.

Works? Lemme know.

Stay safe.

PS: No Times New Roman please haha