

Assignment #3- Cause and Effect Essay

The purpose of a cause and effect essay is to argue for something that you consider plausible or likely—**not something you know is true or something that is already proven**. Take this into consideration as you write. You must include support from documents that will give you some expertise on the subject— not make you an authority.

For this assignment you will make a causal argument about an issue related to social justice.

- You can begin with an effect and make claims about the underlying causes. (what has happened)
- Or you can identify a cause and make claims about what effects will result. (what might happen)

Select an issue from the following subjects:

Gender inequality

Racial inequality

Economic inequality

Disability inequality

Age inequality

Ethnic/national inequality

Linguistic/language inequality

Educational inequality

Political inequality

If there is a topic related to social justice that you do not see here and that you would like to write about, you can visit my office during office hours to have your topic approved.

This essay must demonstrate academic research. Include **at least two** outside sources that are from **trusted, well-respected authors / publications**. You will need to include a works cited page according to MLA guidelines (Chap. 52, pp.500-548) as well as cite sources correctly in the text of your paper.

Requirements:

Length: 3 pages **plus** 1 cover sheet and 1 works cited page (**total of 5 sheets**); 12 pt. font, no more than one inch margins – double-spaced.

Writing: you will be graded on spelling, punctuation, grammar and proofreading