Assignment: Major Essay 2: Argumentative Research Paper (Open Universe)

Assignment (Detail)

There are many themes present in the novel, *Night*, that can be connected to the course materials for Week 7 — Week 16. A few examples are listed below:

- Survival Situations
- Morality and Ethics
- The Nature of War
- Father-Son Relationships
- Faith
- Abuse and Torture
- Psychology
- Change/Personal Growth

Generate your own topic that relates to one or more of these themes and/or another theme or other themes of your own choosing. Using these themes, you will need to establish a connection between 1. *Night*, 2. the course readings, 3. your library research, and 4. your personal life, personal motivations, area of study, personal interests, or individual passions. Your essay must be subdivided into at least three sections using section headings.

Create a thesis statement that 1. is a statement (about a topic or topics) that connects all ideas present; and 2. makes an assertion. Highlight your thesis statement. You will need to take and maintain your position for the duration of your essay. While other types of evidence (refer to the rhetorical strategies discussed in class) may be used as well, you must 1. use specific details, and 2. quote or summarize from several class readings and your library research.

Using the techniques you have learned in class, develop 12-page essay (to the bottom of the twelfth page, not including the Works Cited page).

You are required to cite a minimum of eleven sources. Each source must be cited 1. on your Works Cited page, and 2. one or more times in the text. For Essay 2, you are not limited to the course materials presented in Weeks 7 through Week 16. However, you may use the course materials as sources. A minimum of five sources must be articles independently researched from the library article database (citations to other sources, including other websites, will not be counted toward your total). In other words, you must find, use, and cite five library article database articles not used as part of the course materials. On your Works Cited page, highlight the sources independently researched from the library articles database. Additionally, you must use *Night* as a source. The remaining required sources may include course materials. Citations to any non-library article database online sources must be accompanied by a completed “CRAAP Test Worksheet.” You must submit a completed worksheet to accompany each non-library database online source. Any non-library database online source lacking a completed worksheet will not be counted toward your total.

The essay, Works Cited page, and citations must be in MLA format (8th edition).

You must include and highlight a synthesis paragraph and a counterargument paragraph.

Resources

Purdue OWL:
- https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/08/

College Library Sites:
http://libguides.lahc.edu/library
http://lib.lbcc.edu/
http://www.elcamino.edu/library/

Assignment (Summary)

Pages: 12 + Works Cited
Sections: 3
Sources: 11
Format: MLA
Highlight: Thesis statement; synthesis paragraph; counterargument paragraph; independently researched library citations on your Works Cited page
Attachments: One completed “CRAAP Test Worksheet” for each non-library article database online source

Grading

Refer to the course handouts and to the rubric (on TurnItIn.com) for clarification on how your assignment will be graded.

Please note that several deductions are possible, including but not limited to deductions based on grammar and other sentence-level errors, missing or non-library database citations, online sources with an incomplete or no “CRAAP Test Worksheet,” missing in-text citations, missing Works Cited pages, MLA format and citation errors, non-responsiveness to the writing prompt, lateness, and lack of adherence to the assignment in general.

Assignment Parts and Due Dates

All assignment due dates are listed on TurnItIn.com.

The assignment parts associated with Essay 2 are: