

Reflective Writing Assignment

Due 3/7/17

Read the assigned article and reflect on its content and the impact it had on you. Reflecting on the article will ensure that you are learning from reading it. Submit your paper on time and adhere to deadlines.

- You are going to **TYPE** (handwritten papers will be returned to you) a well-thought and organized 400-word paper. Your paper will not exceed 550 words. Your thoughts should use an organized paragraph structure, sentence structure with proper grammar and spelling – and follow MLA format. (Your name, your teacher's name, the course, and the date. Center a creative title)
- **Additionally, type # of words in the footer section of your document**
- Content of paper will be four paragraphs
 - Paragraph #1: Introduction
 - Paragraph #2: Briefly summarize the main point of the article. (Your paper should not exclusively summarize the article)
 - Paragraph #3: Personally reflect on the article. **How can you apply or connect an aspect of the article to your life? (connect to your life, impact on you, more relevant to you)**
 - Paragraph #4: Conclusion

| <u>Task</u> | <u>Beginning</u> | <u>Developing</u> | <u>Focused</u> | <u>Exemplary</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
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| Format: Header & length | Less than 400 words 0pts | | Incorrect format and appropriate length 32pts | Correct format and appropriate length 40pts | 40 |
| Paragraph Structure | No paper was submitted. Paper is poorly structured. Paragraph requirements not met or very weak. 0 pts | Few parts are well structured in paragraph format. Few parts are organized from beginning to end. Major paragraph sections missing. Line of development is not logical. Ideas were not connected with a transition. <input type="checkbox"/> Paragraph lacks details. <input type="checkbox"/> Topic sentences don't relate to paragraph. <input type="checkbox"/> Need to separate and organize your ideas into separate paragraphs. 24 pts | Some parts are well structured in paragraph format. Some parts are organized from beginning to end. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper did not include introduction, body or conclusion. <input type="checkbox"/> Line of development is somewhat logical and coherent. Ideas could have been connected with a smoother transition. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider more descriptive topic sentences that lead-in to a developed paragraph. <input type="checkbox"/> Concluding sentence should bring paragraph to a close. 32pts | Well structured and thought out in paragraph format. Clear and organized structure from beginning to end. Paper included introduction, body and conclusion. Line of development is logical and coherent. Ideas are connected with smooth transition. 40pts | 40 |
| Language, Sentence Mechanics, Grammar & Spelling | No paper was submitted. Spelling and grammatical errors are unacceptable. 0 pts | Many spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization errors; Word selection, word choice and sentence structure needs improvement. <input type="checkbox"/> Need to proofread final product. Needs extensive editing. 24pts | Few spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization errors; Could have been more carefully edited. Word selection, word choice and sentence structure could have been more varied. 32 pts <input type="checkbox"/> One error is -3 pts | Excellent spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization; carefully edited. Excellent word selection. Varied sentence structure. 40pts | 40 |
| Content (summary and reflection) and Response | Unable to show what you learned from reading the article. Inadequate coverage of topic. Does not meet reqs. 0 pts | Content is weak. Not a strong connection between content and its impact on you personally. <input type="checkbox"/> Primarily a summary. 48 pts | Acceptable content. Summary was incomplete. Response could have been stronger by reflecting on personal experience. 64 pts | Very meaningful content. Very thoughtful response; Demonstrated critical thinking; Clearly summarized article. Reflected at a personal level. 80pts | 80 |

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| Rec'd on time. <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd within 24 hours (1 day) after due. -20pts <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd within 48 hours (2 days) after due. -40pts <input type="checkbox"/> Less 40 points if not submitted to turnitin.com after 3 days of due date: | <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd within 72 hours (3 days) after due. -60pts <input type="checkbox"/> After 3 days – you'll receive a zero unless a previous arrangement has been made. |
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Total Points

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