

Reflective Writing Assignment – updated 1/17/2018

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) . Don’t tell me you found it “interesting”.**
 - Paragraph #4: Conclusion

<u>Task</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Developing</u>	<u>Focused</u>	<u>Exemplary</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Format: Header & length	Less than 400 words 0pts		Incorrect format and appropriate length 32pts	Correct format (MLA), title and appropriate length (400-550 words) 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, 2 body paragraphs 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, 2 body paragraphs 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 edit/error is -3 pts	Excellent spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization; carefully edited. Excellent word selection. Varied word choice. 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. Connected to your life. 80pts	80

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