

Exercise 1: Diagnostic Essay

Choose one of the provided topics and create a 300-500 word expository paper.

DUE: Tuesday 01/21 by 11:30 PM, in D2L *before* Wednesday class

TOPICS

- When is it necessary to create an ideal social protest?
- What causes individuals or groups to isolate themselves from a community?
- What social protest movement have you participated in? Supply details.

OBJECTIVES

1. Isolate a strong thesis statement.
2. Remember you want to feature your topic throughout the essay.
Each paragraph must defend your main focus. Be sure to support the thesis with detailed personal observations.
3. When writing the first draft, be sure resulting paragraphs include topic sentences relating to your thesis.
4. Create an interesting, intricate introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs.
5. Be sure each new paragraph includes a strong transitional phrase.
6. Use five or more sentences per paragraph.
7. Use the MLA model outlined in *A Writer's Reference*, pp. 488-492.
8. Avoid clichéd writing, contractions, and expected response.
9. Show me how to construct a high-end academic paper.
10. *Be sure to proof your work.*