

Exercise 1: Diagnostic Essay

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

DUE: Monday 07/13 by 11:30 PM, in D2L

TOPICS to Choose from: (*pick only one*)

- When is it necessary to create an ideal social protest? Explain any personal experiences with details.
- What social protest movement have you participated in? Supply details to explain your definition.
- What causes individuals or groups to isolate themselves from a community?
Use any form of community. Explain any personal experiences with 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 (AWR)*. (See template provided in book.)
8. Avoid clichéd writing, contractions, and expected responses.
9. Show me how you would construct a high-end academic paper.
If you quote, follow the appropriate punctuation rules and provide Works Cited page.
10. *Be sure to proof your work.*