

Short Essays

Overview

For this assignment, you will need to write four 1-3 page essays based on the prompts I will provide you. These short essays are intended to provide you with an opportunity for you to practice writing and addressing the course content with minimal grade implications.

Grading

The short essays will be combined with a creative project you will produce and present later in the semester. Together, they will be graded primarily on how many of them you completed on time:

- All 5: A (100%)
- 4: B (85%)
- 3: C (75%)
- 2: D (60%)
- 1 or less: E (0%)

For each essay to qualify as completed for grading purposes, they must generally be clear, well-organized, ethically supported, and persuasive. If for some reason a given essay fails to meet these standards, I may give you an opportunity to revise it by the end of the semester.

The complexity of the assignment for each essay will increase as the semester progresses, so I would make a special effort to complete the easiest ones assigned at the start of the semester.

Due Dates

- Essay 1: September 20th
- Essay 2: October 4th
- Essay 3: October 16th
- Essay 4: November 1st

Late Work

Late work will be accepted if turned in by December 14th at 11:59 pm. However, for each day a particular paper is late, the amount it will contribute to your grade will be reduced by 3% for a maximum of 15%. For instance, while turning in four papers and your creative project is generally sufficient for an 85%, if one of those papers was a day late, the final grade would be an 82%.

Submission

Generally, you will need to turn in printed copies of your short essays to me in person on the day they are due.

If you cannot make it to class but still want to turn it in on time, you must turn it in electronically through Elearning as a Word or PDF file using the “Assignments” dropbox by the start of the class period when it is due or else it will be too late.