

English B60 – Basic Writing Skills

Writing Assignment 5:

Two-Source Synthesis Essay

Write a two-source essay using sources from *The Norton Sampler*. This two-source essay will be two to three pages in length plus a Works Cited page and will require two complete drafts—one draft to be peer reviewed and the other as a final copy. Both drafts must be complete and turned in as required to receive credit for the assignment.

Assignment:

With all of the current news about powerful men assaulting women, gender equality has become a topic that is on the minds of many Americans. Purely because of gender, women face inequality in the workforce, in public positions, and throughout society. Many feel that gender inequality for women in our society should be erased. Write an essay that argues whether this statement is true or is not true.

Choose at least one quotation from each of the following sources to support your opinion in this two-source essay:

- “Ain’t I a Woman?” by Sojourner Truth. (in *The Norton Sampler*)
- “Watching Oprah From Behind the Veil” by Jeff Jacoby. (in *The Norton Sampler*)

Two-Source Essay requirements:

1. The essay must be at least two full pages in length (and not more than three pages in length.)
2. Include a Works Cited page, with the entries in alphabetical order, after the last page of text of your essay.
 - See the sample on the back side of this page for how to create a works cited entry.
3. You must use the two sources listed above to support your argument.
4. Be sure to include at least one direct quotation that you use from each source.
5. Follow MLA format and style when writing your essay.

Due dates for this essay are as follows:

- 1) **November 28, 2017 Due:** Complete draft of the Two-Source Essay for Peer Review
- 2) **November 30, 2017 Due:** Final Draft of the Two-Source Essay.

See the following for help with your essay:

- Reference the “Punctuation Pattern Sheet” handout for help with punctuation.
- Reference the “MLA Sample Page” handout on the class website for help with MLA style.
- Reference the “Signal Phrases PowerPoint” on the class website for help with signal phrases.
- Reference the “Discussing Quotations PowerPoint” on the class website for help with discussing quotations.

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Sample Works Cited Page:

Works Cited

Dillard, Annie. "From Holy the Firm." *The Norton Sampler: Short Essays for Composition*, edited by Thomas Cooley, W.W. Norton, 2013.

Guidelines for creating a Works Cited page.

- a) The Works Cited page is the page that follows the last page of text of your essay.
- b) The first line of the Works Cited page, the title, is centered at the top of the page.
- c) All text on the Works Cited page is double spaced.
- d) Each works cited entry is formatted with a hanging indent.
- e) As both of your sources are from the *Norton Sampler*, use the model above, but change the details to match your source.