

# English B1a – Expository Composition

## Research Paper Assignment

### English B1A Research Paper – The Individual in Society

Your paper will respond to the theme The Individual in Society. Your research for the paper investigates a specific aspect of this theme. The list below includes possible topics for your paper, but the list is by no means complete. Therefore, you may come up with your own related topic, but keep in mind your focus is the individual in society. Let me know what your topic is that you have chosen. If you have questions, check with me.

1. The importance of music during wartime to people living in the United States
2. Success of multi-ethnic Americans in business
3. Racial, gender, or age discrimination in society
4. What does it take for different cultures to get along in America?
5. Gender equality in the United States.
6. Soldiers from different cultural backgrounds in the United States Military forces.
7. People from around the world in American theater or films
8. Life in World War II War Relocation Centers in the USA (healthcare, food, entertainment, education, and more)
9. Romance between races
10. The power of multi-ethnic Americans in politics

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This paper is argumentative; therefore, a simple discussion of your topic is insufficient. Your thesis for the paper must express a strong and concise opinion on your topic that someone else can effectively disagree with.

**Thesis:** Remember a thesis is **not a statement of fact**. Instead, it is a **statement that can be argued**.

A clear and focused thesis statement is critical to developing a strong paper.

**Length:** **5 to 7 full pages** of text, not including the works cited page.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE!:** Any paper with fewer than **5 full pages** will not be read and will earn an **F**.

Therefore, your paper should probably run over onto the sixth page.\*\*\*

#### Sources:

- A minimum of **5 scholarly / academic** sources.
- An additional source for your paper may be the novel *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*.
- Each source document must be at least two full pages in length
- You may use **only one eBook** from the BC Library.
- Note: primary sources such as novels, short stories, or films are NOT scholarly or academic.
- Therefore, you will need at least 5 **scholarly / academic** sources.
- The *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* would be in addition to the scholarly/academic sources.
- **NO WEB SITES! NO BOOK or FILM REVIEWS! NO ABSTRACTS!**

**Format:** MLA

#### Due Dates:

- March 21, 2017: Research Proposal

**The following assignments must be submitted to turnitin.com on the same date the printed assignment is due:**

➤ **Failure to submit each assignment to turnitin.com on time will result in a ZERO for the assignment!**

- March 30, 2017: Annotated Bibliography.
- April 4, 2017: Detailed Outline.
- April 20, 2017: Research Paper (Completed copy to be Peer Reviewed in class)

**Submit the following assignment only to turnitin.com**

- April 27, 2017: Research Paper – Revision 1.

**Submission of Final Draft: In a brown envelope, submit the following on April 27, 2017:**

- The draft of your paper copy peer reviewed on May 20, 2017
- Copies of all sources used, including the first page of the document and the page you are quoting from
  - (you do not need to include copies of selections from our texts)
- Highlight all passages used, including quoted, summarized, and paraphrased material.