

English B53 – Reading, Reasoning, and Writing

Writing Assignment 3 topic:

“Two Ways to Belong in America” by Bharati Mukherjee

Assignment:

Using herself and her sister as examples, Bharati Mukherjee discusses two approaches for long term living in America for immigrants. Bharati Mukherjee commits to America and becomes a citizen and feels she is American, while her sister Mira Mukherjee remains an Indian citizen and lives here as a working resident alien with a plan to return to her home in India when she retires.

Write an essay that chooses only one of the two ways shown above for immigrants living in America, and argue why that one way is the best approach for people moving to this country.

- Your essay must be 1½ - 2 pages in length.
- Be sure to use at least one direct quotation from “Two Ways to Belong in America” to support your opinion.
- Include a Works Cited entry for “Two Ways to Belong in America” on the page following the last page of your response.
 - See *Hacker*, page 451, item 32: “One selection from an anthology or a collection” for the correct format.

Remember, all quotations must be preceded by a signal phrase. Put the page number where you found your quotation at the end of the sentence your quotation is in.

- See “Using Quotations in an Essay” handout for help with signal phrases
- See *Hacker*, page 418-422, for help with signal phrases.
(Signal phrases always precede the quotation.)
- Carefully check grammar, punctuation, and, spelling in your writing.
- Verify you have introduced quotations correctly and be sure you have discussed how that quotation supports the topic of the paragraph.
- Be sure your argument is clear and has support from Mukherjee’s article.

Thoughts that may help you get started:

- Refer to the “Reflecting on What You Know” section at the beginning of Mukherjee’s article for helpful concepts to get you started (pg. 467)

Due Dates:

- An outline for your essay and a typed introductory paragraph is due Wednesday, February 21, 2018
- A polished draft of WA3 for peer editing is due Monday, February 26, 2018
- The final draft of WA3 is due Wednesday, February 28, 2018