

English B53 – Reading, Reasoning, and Writing

Writing Assignment 4 topic:

Write a Two-Source Paper using sources provided by the instructor. This Two-Source Paper will be 2-3 pages in length plus a Works Cited page and will require an outline and two complete drafts—one draft to be peer reviewed, and the other as a final copy. All drafts must be complete and turned in as required to receive credit for the assignment.

Assignment:

A major factor in our lives is the expectations other people have for us. Because of how we look, where we are from, or how old we are, others have expectations of what we will do or think.

Many feel that people often live up to the expectations projected on them.

Write a paper that argues whether this statement is true or is not true.

Choose only two of the following sources to support your opinion in this two-source paper:

- “The Corner Store” (364+) by Eudora Welty. (in *Models*)
- “Why We Crave Horror Movies” (483+) by Stephen King. (in *Models*)
- “Two Ways to Belong in America” (467+) by Bharati Mukherjee. (in *Models*)
- A resource from the BC Library

Writing Assignment 4 requirements:

1. The paper 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, at the end of your paper.
3. You must use two of the sources listed above, and only two, to support your argument.
4. Be sure to include at least one direct quotation from each source that you use.
5. Additionally, you may use a paraphrase from only one of your sources.
6. Follow MLA format and style when writing your paper.

Due dates for this paper are as follows:

1. **March 5, 2018** Due: Typed Writing Assignment 4 Outline
2. **March 7, 2018** Due:
 - a) Complete draft of Writing Assignment 4 for Peer Review
3. **March 12/14, 2018** Due:
 - a) Final printed copy of Writing Assignment 4 due at your midterm grade conference.

See the following for help with your paper:

- Reference the “Punctuation Pattern Sheet” handout for help with punctuation.
- Reference *Hacker* for help with MLA style and MLA Research paper format.
- Reference the “Works Cited Entries” handout and *Hacker* for help with Works Cited entries

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Academic Paper Outline Model

Your outline should include your thesis statement and what you plan to include in your introduction

Your outline should also include the basics for the body paragraphs of your paper.

- A topic for the paragraph
- The quotation from a source that you plan to include in the paragraph (if used)
- Ideas for discussion of the borrowed material used in the paragraph

Your outline should also include your conclusion that is based on a synthesis of the points you have made in your paper.

Basic Format for Sourced Topic Sentence Outline

Thesis Statement: [include your thesis statement sentence]

Introduction: Topic sentence, discussion, thesis

Topic Sentence for first body paragraph: [refers back to the topic sentence of your paper]

Quote: [write the quote you will use, including signal phrase and page numbers]

Discussion: [include main points of your discussion of the quote]

Topic Sentence for next body paragraph: [refers back to the topic sentence of your paper]

Quote: [write the quote you will use, including signal phrase and page numbers]

Discussion: [include main points of your discussion of the quote]

Continue with this basic format for the entire outline.

Grading Criteria:

You will be graded on how well you accomplish the following in your paper:

- **Respond to the assigned focus.**
- **Introduction:**
 - Presents the subject of the paper.
 - Introduces the specific focus for the paper.
 - Offers a clear thesis.
- **Body paragraphs:**
 - Topic sentences are relevant to the thesis.
 - Direct quotes from the papers are pertinent to the topic sentence and to the thesis.
 - Analysis and discussion are insightful.
- **Conclusion:**
 - Sums up the key ideas of the paper.
 - Offers a final appraisal of the subject.
- **Mechanics:**
 - Paper uses correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, and avoids awkward and wordy construction.
- **Format:** MLA