

Professor Ash – English 203KA  
Fall 2022  
Essay 1 – Due: October 16  
30 points

For this essay, choose a single text from the syllabus to examine. Focus on and discuss a specific passage, idea, or argument found in the text you select. Do not merely summarize that passage, idea, argument, or the whole text for that matter.

The purpose of this response is to pay particular attention to the section you selected and make an argument about its relationship to the rest of the reading. You may have focused on the foundation on which the writer builds a larger idea. You may have chosen the key illustration a writer uses to support an idea. For that matter, your paper can look at a section that you find to be a problem or to pose a contradiction to the rest of the text.

Develop a clear and coherent thesis idea that will form the basis of the assignment's introduction. This thesis idea should provide the key terms and the structure for the rest of the assignment through its body and concluding sections. Analyze and respond to the material you have selected in terms of your thesis idea. Whether you quote, paraphrase, or summarize the text you discuss, provide MLA style in-text documentation.

OPTIONAL: In addition to meeting the basic requirements of the assignment option you have chosen, you can consider using scholarship found in the databases available through NCC's Library (ex: Literature Resource Center) or found in the text.

Your submission must have a title. The title may include the name of the text you write about but must offer some sense of the argument you will make or the approach you will take in the essay. This assignment should be written in complete, carefully edited sentences. Double-space your work. Your work should be approximately 3 pages (not including the Work Cited list). Work will be submitted and graded via Turnitin.com through Blackboard.