

Social Class Unit Essay

Respond to the following prompt. Time will be given in class to complete this assessment. An essay handout will be provided during class. Treat writing time as you would an exam. You should only have pre-approved materials such as your sources, outline, and essay drafts on your desk along with the handout. Use the time as best as you can. You will only be able to work on your essay during our writing sessions in class. **You cannot revise your work outside of class.**

Prompt:

- What social class do you think you belong to? How does your social class affect your personal identity? How does social class affect the way you perceive other people?

DUE DATE: Hand in your completed essay in class by **October 11th**. If you need help with any aspect of your essay, be sure to reach out to set up an appointment for assistance.

AI Notice: Remember that use of AI to write essays is considered plagiarism and is a very serious academic infraction. As such use of AI in any form is not accepted and will result in a 0 as well as other consequences usually associated with academic malpractice. Your essay will be written and submitted in class. Time will be set aside to complete each milestone for your paper. Do not use AI for any dimension of your essay.

Milestone	Week #
Outline, Thesis statement, Claims and evidence should be prepared	Week 1, 2, & 3
First session of writing time.	Week 4
Second and final session	Week 5 & 6

Grading, Total 100 Points:

Content 35% (35 Points): You must answer the essay prompt fully and not wander away from the topic. Your essay should be analytical and reflective, not just descriptive. Show that you have thought deeply about the topic to develop a unique and personal perspective, and presented a strong argument supported by facts and examples.

Structure 25% (25 Points): Begin with an introduction paragraph. In this paragraph, please include at least three points that you will go over in your body paragraphs. Body paragraphs will then follow the introduction and explain your arguments and positions. End with a conclusion paragraph summarizing everything you have said, reintroducing your thesis statement and showing us why your main ideas mattered.

Format 15% (15 Points): Your essay and Works Cited page should conform to the WLSA MLA Guidelines (the blue document!).

Materials 15% (15 Points): Any examples you get from a different source must be cited. Please use at least **3 materials** to help as examples and use them in-text. The external sources should be from academic journals, books, non-profit organizations, research organizations, think tanks, news organizations, or academic websites.

General English 10%: General grammar, spelling, word usage should not hinder your overall meaning. This includes spelling, grammar (especially sentence structure), and appropriate academic vocabulary with strong verbs and transition words / phrases. Avoid clichés like “as we all know,” “with the development of society,” “last but not least,” etc. **Don't forget to proofread your essay! As the essay is handwritten, you should pay a lot of attention to your handwriting. Any sections of your essay that is unreadable will not be marked. You also do not want to lose points due to misread words. Please be advised.**