

## Common Assignment Instructions

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Writing Assignment 2: First Amendment Essay

Description

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On the internet find a copy of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

In a 2-3 page double spaced essay, list each of the five parts of the First Amendment. Under each part provide at least one example where it has been challenged or changed in the past several years. You may use your own knowledge and/or any reliable source (not Wikipedia) to help you find examples. After each example you provide, discuss whether you agree or disagree with the challenge (or change) and explain why.

If you use a source for any example, you must cite it using any method desired. Help with MLA format is located in the Syllabus and Quick Links section of this course.

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The information on this page includes two examples of information and instructions that should be placed in the Description window of an assignment. This is what students will see when they click the link to the assignment on the course page.

After creating your instructions, read them back from the student's point of view or have someone else read them to make sure students will know exactly what to do and how the assignment will be graded.

### Example for an online text type of assignment:

#### Instructions

Respond to each of the Critical Thinking questions on page 24 in Chapter 1 of your book. In your response, type each question first and then answer it. Answer each question in detail using correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

Create your response in one of two ways:

- type your response right in the text box at this link
- type your response first in a word processing program and then copy/paste it to the text box at this link.

#### Grading Criteria

Your response to each question is worth 80 points each. Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization is worth 20 points. The average of all Critical Thinking assignments is 25% of your total course grade. No Critical Thinking assignment grade will be dropped.

#### Need help with submitting this online text type of assignment?

Refer to the Student Tutorials link and look for instructions on "How to submit an online text assignment" under the Assignment heading.

### Example for an assignment requiring students to upload a saved file:

#### Instructions

On the internet find a copy of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. In an MLA formatted 2-3 page double spaced essay, list each of the five parts of the First Amendment. Under each part provide at least one example where it has been challenged or changed in the past several years. You may use your own knowledge and/or any reliable source (not Wikipedia) to help you find examples. After each example you provide, discuss whether you agree or disagree with the challenge (or change) and explain why. Cite your sources using MLA format. (Help with MLA format is located in the Syllabus and Quick Links section of this course.)

Type your essay in a word processing program and save it as an .rtf file (or if using Microsoft Word, save it as a .doc or .docx file). If it is not saved as one of these file types, I cannot open it and you would receive a zero for the assignment.

When finished typing your essay, upload your saved file at this link.

#### Grading Criteria

There is a rubric with this assignment. You may look at it below or in Moodlerooms Grader to know what grading criteria I will use to grade your essay. The average of all essays is 30% of your total course grade. The lowest essay grade will be dropped.

#### Need help saving your document?

Refer to the tutorial "Save file as rtf file" located under the Assignment heading at the Student Tutorials link located at the bottom of your Moodle screen.

#### Need help submitting your saved file?

Refer to the tutorial "Upload a file with an assignment" under the Assignment heading at the Student Tutorials link located at the bottom of your Moodle screen.