

Fourth Writing Assignment: Final Draft
Effecting Positive Local Change in a Globalized World
MMW 122, Winter 2017

Length: 8-10 pages

Due: before lecture on Monday, March 13 (Cassedy) or Tuesday, March 14 Patterson

Below is a list of the criteria your final draft should meet. Most important are the substantive aspects, such as the quality of your thesis and the appropriateness and strength of your evidence, but the mechanical concerns—spelling, grammar, and so forth—also matter. You must also be very careful to give credit to all of your sources, even those you do not quote or paraphrase directly. Make sure that you check your final draft against both this handout and the Guidelines for MMW Papers.

Your introductory paragraph(s) should include:

- An indication of your topic
- The scholarly and historical context of your research (demonstrate global context)
- The conceptual problem and question you are addressing
- Your thesis statement
- An indication of the significance of your topic and question (the “so what?”) including a very brief reference to your action plan and how it might effect positive local change in a globalized world

Your question should be:

- Open-ended
- Amenable to scholarly research
- Appropriate to the course concerns and the contemporary period

Your thesis should be:

- An answer to the question that you pose
- Arguable with scholarship
- Amply supported with evidence (that should come from scholarship and credible outside sources)

Your action plan should:

- Support your argument/thesis
- Demonstrate a localized (campus, neighborhood, community, city, region) impact of a global issue
- Suggest something concrete and doable to effect change in a local context.

Your concluding paragraph(s) should:

- Summarize your argument
- Reiterate and elaborate on your “so what?” – how your paper explains a global problem that has local impact and suggests a action plan to effect positive, local change
- Explain the significance of your thesis

When presenting your evidence you should:

- Explain *which* of your claims each piece of evidence supports

Explain *how* the evidence supports your claims
Acknowledge your sources clearly and correctly, whether you quote or paraphrase an author's words or merely draw upon an author's ideas
Use direct quotations sparingly and only when necessary
Present information and make claims that are factually correct and from credible sources

When addressing counterarguments or alternative interpretations you should:

Acknowledge the scholars whose positions differ from yours
Explain how each counterargument differs from your own claims
Present the evidence that supports each counterargument
Rebut each counterargument (i.e., explain why your claims are stronger)

Overall, your paper will succeed you:

Clearly define the global context and local impact of your topic
Identify a conceptual problem that begs a question that can be answered with scholarship
Situate yourself within an ongoing academic conversation
Present a persuasively argued point that is amply supported with relevant evidence
Acknowledge equally valid points of view other than your own or a point of view you are supporting
Discuss the significance of your claims
Organize your paper well and write with your readers' needs in mind (e.g., by providing transitions and topic sentences to help readers to follow your train of reasoning, defining unfamiliar terms, providing vivid, concrete examples, and so forth)
Check the Guidelines for MMW Papers for all formatting issues

Your final draft should be 8 to 10 pages in length, not counting your Works Cited list. Please use 12-point, Times Roman type, and make sure that your type is dark enough that your TA will actually be able to read it.

Works Cited

Your paper must have a list of **Works Cited** that includes complete MLA-style citations for all of the works you cite in your paper. You do not have to include entries for works you do not cite, but bear in mind that "citation" means not only direct quotations and paraphrases but also all statements of observation and opinion that are in your own words but that are indebted to other authors for their content. In other words: when in doubt, give credit to your sources.

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You must **include a printout or photocopy of each piece** of information or analysis that you cite, **including the title page that includes the author's name and title of publication**. On each of the photocopies/printouts, **highlight** the area(s) where you found the material that you cite in your paper, and **label each highlighted area with the number of the page** on which you cite the material.

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Your final paper will not be accepted after the Final Exam. Because all components of the writing assignment are required to pass the course, you will fail the course if your final paper is not submitted by this time. If you do not submit this assignment at all, you will fail the course for not completing all four required writing assignments.

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