

Essay One: Peanut Butter

Assignment: For this first essay you are to write about peanut butter. You must limit the subject. Use the prewriting techniques from chapter 4 and 5 of *Reflections* to assist you in discovering what you wish to explore with this subject. You may take an analytical, persuasive, informative, or creative approach. The choice is yours.

Essay Requirements:

- The paper must be **at a minimum 2 complete pages** and no more than 3 pages.
*Any paper handed in that is less than two complete pages will receive an F.
- Choose an authentic purpose for your paper.
- Choose a specific tone for your paper.
- Choose a specific audience and complete an audience analysis. Use the questions “How to Consider your Audience” on pages 91-92 from *Reflections*.
- Directly state and underline the thesis statement in your introduction.
- Use an active introduction and conclusion strategy as discussed in chapter 6 of *Reflections*.
- The paper must follow MLA guidelines.
- The paper will have a heading at the left margin of the page which will be double spaced and contain the following information:

Name, Instructor’s Name, Class/Meeting Time, and Date.

This should not be in the header section of the page but rather in the main body of the page where the cursor appears when opening a new word document.

- Paper Format:
 - Standard letter-size (8 1/2 x 11) paper
 - One inch margins on all sides of paper
 - Double spaced; Font size: 12; Font: Times New Roman
 - Last name and page number in top right hand corner of each page except the first. This will be in the header section of the page.

All essays must be handed in and graded in order to pass the course. If the student fails to turn in all essays, then a passing grade cannot be given and the student will receive an “F” in the course. I do not accept late submissions.

Due Dates:

- Sunday, January 31, 2016: Prewriting Practice Activity for Essay 1
 - Submit your prewriting activity for essay 1 to the Bb submission link located in Learning Unit 1.
- Thursday, February 4, 2016: Rough Draft Submission for Peer Review
 - Post Rough Draft to Bb discussion forum for peer review
- Sunday, February 7, 2016: Peer review reply posts
 - Complete peer reviews for 2 student drafts.
- Tuesday, February 9, 2016: Final Copy Submission
 - Submit final essay via blackboard as a .doc or .docx file by 11:55 PM Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The submission link is located in the Essay One folder via the Major Essays tab.

A Few Things to Consider for Evaluation Purposes:

- Directly state and underline the thesis in the introduction of the essay.
- Evidence needs to link to the chosen audience and purpose.
- Tone needs to be consistent and reflect the stated purpose.
- Be certain to include topic sentences to express each main point.
- Multiple pieces of support are a necessity to validate all points.
- Document any information which comes from another source. **If it is not yours, then you must acknowledge the source. Failure to do so is plagiarism and will result in a F.**
- **Proof carefully!** *Numerous grammatical errors will result in a failing grade.

Remember to use the writing process and budget time for each stage.

Be certain to seek help if you are struggling with the paper.

Here are your lifelines:

Me (S 9. 218)

Smartthinking.com (Blackboard)

Student Success Center (Library 1st floor)

Happy Writing!

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