

# ENGLISH 102 WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

## Paper (1)

Respond to any of the essays from **Quizzes One, Two or Three** of your text, write your own paper of 1500 to 2000 words (5 to 7 properly formatted pages).

- Respond *either* to the main idea *or* one of the supporting ideas, not both.
- Respond to the content (not the style) of the essay.
- Base your response on personal experience **and/or** what you've read — in books, magazines, journals, newspapers, or other outside sources.
- Document research properly using MLA format.
- Address a group of readers just like your classmates in 102
- BUT assume that they have NOT read any of the essays in your text.
- Include at least five body paragraphs—PLUS an appropriate introduction and conclusion.  
***NB: One of these paragraphs should summarize all, or at least the pertinent part, of the essay you are responding to.***
- Include an extra "Works Cited" page. List all publication information for the essay you summarized. If you used any details or ideas from *other* sources, do the same for them.
- Give the publishing information for the essays in your custom text as if you were citing a selection from an edited book or anthology (for an example, see the Works Cited page of my PDF sample paper at <http://www.cwu.edu/~garrison/MLASample.pdf>).
- Hand in Your Final Draft **in a Manila File Folder**
- Include a **MESSY PRELIMINARY ROUGH DRAFT**. **NB: even if you do all your drafting on computer, you should still be making big changes.** I should be able to see clear evidence of these. I will not give credit for "rough" drafts that simply make a few superficial changes in wording and punctuation.

## Paper (2)

Follow *exactly* the same instructions as Paper (1), except:

- Respond to any of the essays from **Quizzes Four, Five or Six**.
- **Include at least three sources**—one from your text and two from elsewhere. You may include more than three sources, but you should not use more than four or five. ***Warning: Using more than a few detailed, well chosen sources in a paper this size may result in loss of focus.***
- **Include photocopies** of all sources that are **not** in your textbook. (You need not photocopy whole books, but you shouldn't be summarizing whole books in such a small paper. Just photocopy the parts you actually used.)
- Do not forget to print out copies of sources taken from the Internet (not just the abstract: get the whole article).
- You need not copy videotapes, movies or sound recordings, but you should copy everything else **except the essays from our textbook**.