

## Essay Information

### Your essay should:

- Include an introductory paragraph of at least 6 sentences that includes both a thesis statement as well as the three instances you will be discussing in your paper
- Have three body paragraphs of at least 6 sentences each (one for each instance you choose)
- Have a conclusion paragraph of at least 6 sentences that summarizes your overall feelings or idea about the topic.
- Indent the first line of each paragraph.
- Have a list of references (MLA citation) including your textbook that you used in writing the essay for assistance with this please visit <http://citationmachine.net/index2.php?reqstyleid=1&newstyle=1&stylebox=1>

### Your essay should NOT:

- Be copied word for word from your textbook or an internet site (you will get a zero)
  - Use conjunctions, short hand, or text vocabulary
  - Include any content that inappropriate for school including cursing or slang terms
- If you choose the essay option please **type or neatly print your answer.**
- If you do not have access to a computer it must be **neatly hand written in pencil, blue, or black ink**

Writing the essay relieves you from having to take the test with the class. You have from the time you receive this paper until the day of the test to write the essay at home. In order to be dismissed from the test your completed essay must be turned into me at the beginning of the class period on test day (no exceptions).

- ✓ Your essay will be graded and hold the same weight as a test, 100 points. Things I will be looking for while I read them include:
  - Do you have an understanding of the material?
  - Did you include facts?
  - Did you use the proper format?
  - Was it legible?
  - Does your answer make sense?
  - How detailed were you in giving you answer?
  - **If you used an external source, did you cite it?**
- ✓ **Furthermore, remember our rule about plagiarism, if you get information from ANYWHERE you must tell me where you got it! I WILL BE CHECKING!!!**

If you do not choose to use the essay option or do not have your essay to turn into me at the beginning of class on test day you will be expected to take a 25 to 35 question multiple choice /True false/ matching exam based on the information from this chapter.