

WRIT 102
Project 1
Length: 4-8 pages

Process

1. It is best to think of this assignment as a position paper that examines a significant idea derived from *Brave New World* and reading it through the conceptual lens provided by one of the short articles we have read so far.
2. For the most part, your essay should consist of close analysis of the novel (or a significant idea derived from the novel). Be sure to use the insights gained from analyzing the novel, to support your argument.
3. Review the steps outlined in the following resource on close reading before you begin writing your paper: <http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/how-do-close-reading>
4. In your paper, you could use one carefully selected example from your personal life to illustrate your argument or you could use a brief example of personal narrative as a point of entry into the selected topic.

Inquiry Question:

Begin your paper with a question about *Brave New World*. The question should be central to the film and something that you are genuinely interested in knowing. Please note that the inquiry question must not be confined to plot.

Weak Question: Why is the society of *Brave New World* a dystopia?

Better Question: What does the dystopia of *Brave New World* suggest about problems in our time and society?

Inquiry Question + Thesis: Due on Sunday, September 8th by 12 noon (upload via the course website)

The thesis statement should provide a nuanced explanation to the inquiry question. Click on the link below for more information developing a strong thesis statement.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/616/2/>

First Draft (hardcopy): Due in class on Thursday, September 12th. The first draft must contain the following:

- a) Three full pages (minimum) typed
- b) A creative title
- c) An introduction culminating in a meaningful thesis statement
- d) Coherent body paragraphs with topic sentences and an appropriate conclusion.
- e) Quotes must be used sparingly but effectively to reinforce your argument. All quotes must be cited parenthetically.

Final Draft: Due on Tuesday, September 17th

All changes made between the first and second drafts must be highlighted in yellow. Attach

the Inquiry question, the thesis statement, the first draft, and peer review comments to the final draft.

Relevance to Course Goals:

1. Using inquiry questions as the basis to gaining insights and acquiring knowledge.
2. Engage in critical, close reading, making arguments using textual citation as evidence.

Format:

The format of this paper (the first page, the citation of quotes, and the works cited page) should follow the MLA style. Use quotation marks to signal direct quotes, parenthetical citations to identify author and page number, and a works cited page to disclose full publication information.

For all questions regarding the MLA format, please consult the Purdue University online writing lab at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_mla.html#General

Good luck!