**Things Fall Apart**

Gilpin/Nguyen Integrated Analysis Essay

Your assignment is to write an analytical essay answering one of the following prompts:

1. Was Okonkwo’s death inevitable? / Why did Okonkwo kill himself?
2. Argue that ethnocentrism caused the events at the end of the novel.

A successful essay will **synthesize evidence** from Things Fall Apart and the Social Studies articles and **analyze** the conflict caused by colliding cultures that differ according to their own cultural and geographic elements.

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| **Requirements** | |
| **Grade Category** | Writing |
| **Points** | 100, both LA and SS gradebooks |
| **Format** | MLA format with MLA Works Cited |
| **Style** | Formal argumentative style (Formal language, third-person only, no contractions) |
| **Sources Required** | **Minimum 3:**  *Things Fall Apart* +  1 source from Social Studies in-class articles and texts +  1 source of independent research |
| **Length** | 750-1000 words |
| **Length Penalty** | -5% for 1-100 words over  -10% for more than 100 words over  Heading, header, title, and works cited do NOT count towards word count |
| **Late Penalty** | -10% per 24 hours late [Final draft]  -20% when late [All other drafts] |
| **Required Elements** | 30 Notecards  Thesis Draft 1  Thesis Draft 2  Outline  Rough Draft  Peer Review Conference with teacher  Final Draft |
| **Submission Method** | Turnitin.com  (No exceptions – make plans in advance if you need assistance with technology; we are happy to help!) |

All students are required to confer with Ms. Gilpin some point during the writing process.

All electronic submissions will be turned in to Ms. Gilpin’s Turnitin.com account.

If you are having difficulty meeting deadlines, it is your responsibility to reach out to Ms. Gilpin and/or Ms. Nguyen to make a plan.

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| **Week 26** |  | 26.1 | 26.2 | 26.3 | 26.4 | 26.5 |
| Mar 18-22 | **Due dates:** |  |  | **15 Notecards Due start of class** | **Thesis Draft 1**  **Due at the end of class** |  |
|  | SS: |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | LA: | Introduce essay |  |  |  |  |
|  | My notes: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Week 27** |  | 27.1 | 27.2 | 27.3 | 27.4 | 27.5 |
| Mar 25-29 | **Due dates:** |  | **30 Notecards Due start of class** | **Thesis Draft 2**  **Due start of class** |  | **Outline due 8am**  **Turnitin.com** |
|  | SS: |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | LA: |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | My plan: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Week 28** |  | 28.1 | 28.2 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.5 |
| Apr 1-5 | **Due dates:** |  |  | **Rough Draft due 8am**  **Turnitin.com** |  | **Final draft due 8pm tonight!** |
|  | SS: |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | LA: |  |  | Peer Review  **Bring Paper Copy** |  |  |
|  | My plan: |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Date** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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