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Introduction The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Essay Assignment
Ms. Jepsen's Class
2013-2014

Write a 4-5 page essay on the following topic:

Use one piece of non-fiction to discuss *The Handmaid's Tale*.

“Why We Have Too Few Women Leaders” by Sheryl Sandberg

“The Christian Right” by Grant Wacker

The Handmaid's Tale is the artifact. One of these non-fiction pieces is the lens.

Here are the steps of the assignment. Remember each step is graded.

1. Introductory Paragraph, Thesis and Topic Sentences: Write your introductory paragraph and your thesis statement. Then list topic sentences you will use to begin the rest of the paragraphs in your essay.

10 points.....due _____.

2. 6 Quotations: Bring at least 6 quotations from *The Handmaid's Tale* and 4 from your non-fiction piece to class that are documented according to MLA. Also write a context sentence explaining the moment of the quote—who is referred to, who is around, where they are, what is happening, etc.

10 points.....due _____.

3. Final Draft: Write your essay. Your final essay must be at least 4 pages. It also must be in Times New Roman font, size 12. Your essay must use the default margins

200 points.....due _____ March 21, 2014 _____.

Warnings and Comments:

1. You must complete each step of this assignment for your essay to be graded. For example, if you do not turn in a thesis statement on time, I will not read the final draft of your essay, so you will fail the assignment and consequently the quarter.

2. Each day your essay is late, you will lose 1/2 a grade.

3. If you are caught plagiarizing, you will fail the assignment and probably the quarter. If you are caught plagiarizing at the college level, you are usually expelled from the college or university.

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Thesis	Evidence	Organization	Language	Content
<p>The thesis must connect the non-fiction lens to the fictional artifact. The thesis is placed in the very beginning of the essay and is a strong statement that can be argued. The thesis is unique, concise, and interesting.</p>	<p>There must be evidence from both the non-fiction lens and the fictional artifact. The body paragraphs have context sentences, meaningful quotations, and clear explanations. The evidence in the paragraphs clearly supports the thesis. The writer uses quotations or summaries where appropriate.</p>	<p>The essay has a clear thesis, clear topic sentences, clear paragraphs, a thought-provoking introduction, and an interesting conclusion.</p>	<p>The writer uses appropriate language well. There are no spelling or grammar errors.</p>	<p>The writer uses the lens to show a deep understanding of the artifact. The writer shows an extremely interesting, in-depth interpretation of the literary work. The writer raises important questions. The writer creates a new, unique understanding of the literary work</p>
5	5	5	5	5
4	4	4	4 1-4	4
3	3	3	3 5-10	3
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