

Term Paper Assignment

Write an Analytical Research Paper

ENG 110

Assignment: Write an analytical paper about a social or economic problem that is addressed in the "Money and Success" chapter of *Rereading America*.

Purpose of the Paper: To provide the reader with a view of a given social or economic problem that is well organized and supported. The paper should explain the main problem and why it is important. It should summarize the various existing approaches, methods, and/or practices for resolving the problem. It should compare and evaluate these approaches and also describe future directions or possible improvements.

Requirements:

- 5 pages, double-spaced
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 point.
- A minimum of 5 sources, utilizing 1 from the text *Rereading America*. (You may find articles in the library databases, in books, in journals, on-line, or in other sources. Be certain you evaluate your sources as you research.)

Format: Your paper should be structured as follows:

- Intro (explain the problem and its importance, give necessary background)
- Body
 - Explain the scope of the problem and its present condition
 - Present and explain the various approaches/solutions
 - Compare the various approaches, possible improvements, future directions
- Conclusion (summarize your conclusions)
- References (see MLA Citation Format document on my website)

REMINDER:

- The writing in this research paper should be in your own words.
- All use of other people's words must be quoted and correctly cited.
- All ideas, summarizations, and paraphrases must be correctly attributed in the body of the paper by citing the references.

Important Points to Consider:

- **Scope** (is the topic too broad? too narrow?)
- **Organization** (well-constructed thesis, well supported, use of transitions between ideas)
- **Quality of Explanations** (clear, appropriate level of detail, complete)
- **Critical Evaluation** of different approaches (advantages/disadvantages)
- **Evidence of Adequate Research** (credible sources, citations and references managed well)

- **Clarity and English Usage** (good word choice, formal writing style, clear sentence structure, correct grammar and conventions)

Topic:

- You must submit a topic proposal to me for approval via email before writing your paper (sheila.adkins@adrian.k12.mo.us)
- The topic proposal must include the topic and one paragraph explaining what you want to write about. Try to be as specific as you can, try to phrase it as a problem.
- Explain how your topic relates to a problem address in *Rereading America*.
- I recommend doing some research before deciding on a topic.