

ENG 390

Assignment 3

100 points

3 FULL pages, MLA
format

Readings

Outliers, “The Three Lessons of Joe Flom” and “The 10,000 Hour Rule”

Jean Anyon, “Social Class and the Hidden Curriculum of Work”

Prompt:

Some readers might assume that Anyon and Gladwell believe that our “demographic luck” determines, in large part, our ability to make a name for ourselves in the world (“succeed”). To what extent do you agree with this reading? Use the guidance and templates from *They Say/I Say* to construct a response to the viewpoint stated in the prompt. As you develop your response, define and summarize the concept of “demographic luck,” using both Gladwell and Anyon to define the term. Use at least two paragraphs to develop your response. Refer to the texts throughout your paper, even in the introduction and conclusion. Continue to refer to the guidance from *They Say/I Say* on summarizing, quoting, and explaining why your argument matters, in addition to adding the new technique of distinguishing what you say from what “they say.”

Guidance for All Options

****Your audience is our class and professor, but you still need to spend some time summarizing key ideas, defining any terms that might be unfamiliar, and choosing short quotes from the original reading to help your reader get a sense of what the author is talking about.**

****Talk about complexities; avoid oversimplifying your ideas or the ideas from the readings.**

****Use a clear organizational structure. Break your paper up into manageable chunks of information, and keep your paragraphs unified around one, main idea.**

****Take the time to proofread after you’ve written your essay. Think about the kinds of mistakes you know you tend to make and watch out for those. Give yourself enough time to visit with a tutor in the LRC or visit with me in my office hours. If you know you have trouble with this aspect of your writing, give yourself time to visit the LRC multiple times before submitting your final draft.**