

English 101
David
Spring 2014

Essay # 1 –Collage Essay

For the first essay, you will create a visual interpretation of your identity (a collage) as well as write a reflection (an essay) detailing and explaining your visual elements and how they define who you are today.

For this essay, you will need to become hyper-aware of the various aspects of your identity. No one can be defined by a single title or label as we are all influenced by a variety of social, professional, and familial factors on a daily basis; therefore, your collage needs to contain more than a single facet of your life.

Collage:

Your collage needs to fill an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper with items clipped from newspapers, magazines, printed from online, stickers, labels, pictures, etc. that define who you are today. Be creative! Think of your collage as a mosaic: When the tiles (or clippings) are viewed independently of one another, they hold little importance, but when situated together within an intentional framework and context, they create a larger picture that carries with it greater significance and meaning.

Reflection (Essay):

In addition to your collage, you will be handing in a 3-5 page essay that will help your audience to understand how the various aspects of your collage relate to one another, and more importantly, how they come together to convey a sense of your identity. You will be acting as a narrator to help guide your reader through the collage and explain how it has meaning to you. Though you will be filling an entire sheet of paper, only pick a few (3-4) specific items from your collage to expand on in your reflection; otherwise, your essay will read merely as a list of the contents of your collage.

Questions to consider for this portion of the assignment: Why did you choose the items that you did? What do the visual elements say about your identity? What do you want your audience to take from your collage?

DUE DATE: Wednesday, February 12

* minimum 1 line on 4th page