

Although I agree _____, I think

Directions: For this assignment, you will write an A+, expository essay in which you react to an opinion expressed by one of the authors in the readings we have done in this unit. You may choose to summarize the author's main idea or to paraphrase an opinion expressed in the author's support.

So that your reader will understand what you are responding to, you must **paraphrase or summarize** the author's opinion that you have chosen in the introduction of your essay. Be sure to name the author and the reading and to punctuate them both correctly. The last sentence of your introduction, your **thesis statement** will consist of your direct response to the author's opinion. What do you think about his idea?

To develop and support your reaction to the author's opinion, your **own** opinion (the thesis statement!) must be supported with reasons, examples, and explanations from your own experience, the experience of others, and the readings in this unit.

Readings for Unit III:

- "The Future is Yours (Still)" by Abbie Hoffman
- "Civic Leader Must Bow to Rule of Law" by Daniel Schwartz
- "Gays, the Military . . . and My Son" by Roscoe Thorne
- "Letter from Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King Jr.

For a successful expository essay for this assignment, you must:

1. Include an accurate summary or paraphrase of the idea you are responding to in the intro.
2. Focus the paper on a clear and arguable thesis that expresses your own original opinion.
3. Support your thesis with evidence from your own experience, your observations of the world around you and **the readings**.
4. Analyze all of your examples to clearly support your thesis.
5. Follow all of the requirements for a good expository essay, including a clear, significant thesis, explicit transitions at the beginning of each paragraph, solid examples, and excellent proof reading.
6. Turn in your typed, double spaced final draft in a folder along with the hand done proofreading draft, all previous drafts, your notebook entry, and all other work including tutoring or conference notes.

NOTE: Folders that are turned in without multiple, significantly changed drafts will receive a grade of No Credit.