

Essay Two / Optional Prompts

- “Blue-Collar Brilliance”
“Hidden Intellectualism”

What is your own definition of “intelligence”? OR What is your own definition of being an “intellectual”? Write a thoughtful essay in which you explain your own meaning of the term. You may develop your essay in any way. Consider the following strategies:

- Narrate an instance in which you realized what “intelligence” means to you.
- Describe someone (or some people) in your life who illustrates your working definition of “intelligence” or an “intellectual,” perhaps someone who others would not consider so.
- Give a working definition of “intelligence” or “intellectual” and explain the steps to become so.

As you develop your essay, refer to both source essays. Include brief summaries of both source essays as well as a quote from each. You may place these “references” anywhere in the body of your essay. Note: TSIS is very helpful in providing models for ways to integrate summaries and quotes into your essay. Refer to assigned chapters.

- “Small Change: Why the Revolution Will Not Be Tweeted”
“Reforming Egypt in 140 Characters”

What is the value/effectiveness of social networking in bringing about real change for the good? Identify a cause that you care about – whether a historic one or one that is occurring now. This could be something global or something within your own community. (For example, I might choose to write about changing the current LBCC environment to one that is more diverse, inclusive of many languages, sexual preferences, etc.) Explain the ways in which people are coming together (or not) whether through social media or other means (strong ties, weak ties).

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- “Escape From the Western Diet”
“Food as Thought”

Food – how can a culture (individual, family, community, etc.) create and maintain a healthy relationship with food? Write a thoughtful essay in which you explain your own views on food.

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