

Major Assignment 4 **Revision of MA1, MA2, or MA3**

For this assignment, you will revise and improve your choice of the first three essays we have done in this class. To get credit, you must do a **SUBSTANTIAL** revision. This means that you cannot simply re-submit the original paper, or submit it with only superficial changes.

If one paper received a lower grade than the rest, with lots of room for improvement in the rubric and in-text feedback, this might be an easy choice. If you liked all three of the papers you wrote, choose one that you think you can expand upon, one within which you can deepen your analysis, one in which you can add more details or descriptions, etc. Just keep in mind that I will check against the first graded version of the essay and its rubric to see that you made suggested improvements. I will also check to see that you followed through on other ways to improve your paper (we will discuss ideas in the individual conference).

Expectations

Criteria and Set-up

- At least 1000-1600 words
- Correct in-line citations and reference page - correct use of MLA conventions
- Formatting: Left-aligned, 1-inch margins, double-spaced, and 12 pt Times New Roman font
- Any citations formatted properly in MLA format with Works Cited page.

Content:

- Audience: Write in an academic tone (no use of “I” except in the personal narrative, no use of “you” in any of the essays, spell out contractions, etc.)
- A clear thesis statement should appear at the end of the introductory paragraph to introduce the main point you will make in your essay, as stated in original assignment sheet.
- The body of the paper must develop and support the thesis, with well-developed paragraphs that organize the essay into sub-topics. Make sure you have good transitions and topic sentences in the paragraphs.
- In the last paragraph, you will give a solid conclusion, which reiterates and pulls together the information already presented, but does not introduce new information.
- All content requirements of original essay are met.
- Address issues discussed by instructor in feedback, both in-text and on rubrics.
- Address any other issues discussed in individual conferences.

Due Dates:

- On **Wednesday, Nov. 15**, we will discuss the revision process and how to decide which essay you want to revise. Submit a write-up of 150-250 words telling me which essay you want to revise and why to the iCollege dropbox by 11:59 pm the night before your scheduled one-on-one conference with me (It will be due Nov. 26, Nov. 28, or Dec. 3, depending on what conference slot you get).
- Sign up for one of the individual conference times on Nov. 27, Nov. 29, or Dec. 3, at which time we will discuss expectations for your revisions. Conference attendance is mandatory; attending the 15 minute session will count for your attendance on all three days. Failure to attend will result in an automatic 20 point deduction in your MA4 grade (this amounts to one full grade; i.e. A- to B-). Bring to the conference a hard copy of your essay with ideas for revisions, and a copy of your original rubric so we can discuss what you need to do to improve the paper.
- Final Draft of MA4 due at 11:59 pm **Friday, Dec. 8** via iCollege dropbox.