

## Review Essay

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For the third major assignment of the semester, you will do a review. This essay is worth **25 points** or 25% of your final grade.

- Your Review Essay must be between **3 and 5 pages**. The pages should be in 12 point font (Times New Roman or equivalent) and should be double spaced.
- Your review essay must review a product, business, service, or artistic work based on criteria that you determine. Examples of possible review topics include:
  - A product: cell phone, computer, cosmetic, piece of clothing, etc.
  - A business: restaurant, movie theater, coffee house, net café, store, internet shopping mall, private institute, etc.
  - A service: haircut, plastic surgery, dating website, class, etc.
  - An artist work: a song or album, a movie, a TV show, a painting, etc.
  - Anything else that can clearly be reviewed on clear criteria. If you are unsure if your idea is okay, please ask me about it before starting your paper.
- You must talk about the good points and bad points of your subject in detail.
- You must compare your subject to other similar subjects.
- Your review must have both clear criteria and a final evaluation based on a system you make (such as star ratings, percentage, grade, or something similar). Your evaluation must be supported by your criteria.

For this essay, you will need to do three drafts:

- The first draft will be due on **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** (T/Th Class) or **Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** (M/W Class) for peer review.
- The second draft will be due on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** (T/Th Class) or **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** (M/W Class) for instructor feedback.
- The final draft will be due on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** (T/Th Class) or **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** (M/W Class) for grading.

Late or incomplete drafts:

- All drafts must be complete, including the first draft. If a draft is incomplete, it will lose up to 5 points.
- All drafts must be turned in on time. Late drafts will lose one point per day (up to 5 points). Late drafts begin losing points at the **beginning** of class on the due date. If you do not have the draft at that time, it's late. Drafts more than 5 days late will not be accepted.
- Second and final drafts must include all previous drafts. The second draft must include the first draft, and the final draft must include the first and second draft. If you do not turn in previous drafts, you will lose up to 5 points.
- Second and final drafts must be changed and improved for the next draft. If a draft is turned in unchanged, you will lose up to 5 points.

Your final drafts will be graded on the following:

- Do you follow the assignment, including format and page length?

- Do you have clear criteria for the topic you are reviewing?
- Is your final evaluation supported by your criteria?
- Do you compare your topic to other similar items?
- Is your essay clear and easy to understand?
- Are spelling, grammar, and word choice correct?
- Does the paper improve between drafts? Are the second and final drafts better than the first?

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