

Ashland English 100 Essay #4

Response to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Begin by reading

- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on Education (Available through Blackboard)
- Response to “Let’s Really Reform Our Schools” (Available through Blackboard)
- Response to “Don’t Let Stereotypes Warp Your Judgments” (Available through Blackboard)

Your Writing Task

Abdul-Jabbar claims that one learns two things in college:

- “feeding students certain factual information, then testing them to make sure they retain it” and
- “teaching them to think logically in order to form opinions based on facts rather than on familial and social influences.”

He also claims that the second kind of learning is under attack both inside and outside the colleges. Is his claim fair and accurate? What would you say about his evidence? Does his evidence correspond with anything you have observed? And finally, how effective is this piece in making its point?

Mechanical Details

Length: Minimum 1300 words not counting title, your name, etc. That’s about a four-page paper. There is no maximum, but try to keep it under 2000. Papers significantly under the minimum (90% or less) will not receive the best possible grade.

Format: Standard MLA format. (12-point Times Roman type, double-spaced, 1” margin all around, MLA header.)

Submitting the paper:

- This paper (and all the following papers in this course) will be submitted electronically through Blackboard. Instructions are available on the Blackboard website for this course.

Due Dates

1. **Peer Editing:** Bring in two printed copies of your rough draft Wednesday, November 6, 2019.
2. **Final copy:** Friday, November 8, 2019.

This essay is worth 100 points.