

Ashland English 101 Essay #5

Synthesis

Your Writing Task

The assignments below build on the reading you have done in *America Now*, chapter 12 (“The Climate Crisis”). Choose one (and only one) of the topics below:

1. The writers in this chapter offer scientific data to support their positions. How, then, do their positions conflict? Write an essay that shows that although some of these writers argue with each other, they all use seemingly valid research. Use at least three essays from this chapter in your comparison.
2. What do you think it will take to make more Americans respond to the question of global warming? Why aren't they discussing it more than they are? Do you think the topic is on everyone's mind? Make a case that supports your answers by using information from the Economist's “People's Views on Climate Change Go Hand in Hand with Their Politics” (p. 398), Maddy Perello's “Climate Change: A Serious Threat” (p. 406), and Patrick J. Egan and Megan Mullin's “Recent Improvement and Projected Worsening of Weather in the United States” (p. 412).

Mechanical Details

Length: Minimum 2000 words. (That is about six pages, not counting the title, your name, etc.) There is no set maximum, but try to keep your paper under 150%.

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

Works Cited: This essay will have in-text MLA citations and a Works Cited page, which will not count as part of the length requirement. (The minimum length is 2000 words **PLUS** the Works Cited page.) If you choose to include outside sources which are not part of our course textbook, they will appear on your Works Cited page.

Due Dates

- **Final copy:** Friday, April 26, 2019
Late papers will not be accepted for this assignment.

This essay is worth 150 points.