

Draft Worksheet: Essay 1: Pop Culture Textual Analysis

Student author's name: _____ Student editor's name: _____

MLA Format

- Upper left-hand corner of first page (*only!*), student name, my name, name of the course, date of the draft.
- Header of each page, in the upper righthand corner, include student's last name and the page number (in Times New Roman).
- Works Cited on the last page (if necessary),
- 1-inch margins
- The font Times New Roman
- 12-point type
- Double spaced text
- No extra space between paragraphs

Comments about MLA Format and recommendations for improvement:

Overview

- Length:** The essay is roughly 4 to 5 pages (1200 to 1500 words).
- Subject:** The essay analyzes the language, structure, and craft of a pop culture text that portrays or addresses some issue related to disability.
- Audience:** The essay is appropriately written for an audience of people already familiar with the text you are analyzing. (So no detailed summaries or extensive background information are needed.)
- Clarity:** contains a clear thesis regarding the text: makes a specific argument about whether the text embraces disability stereotypes or defies them.

General comments about the essay and recommendations for improvement:

Organization (Chapter 2 of Bridging The Difference, from English 101)

Beginning

- Opening paragraph captures the reader's attention and provides a sense of what the essay is about; contains clear thesis.

Unity: Paragraphs

- Each paragraph has a clear, easy-to-identify topic sentence.
- Each paragraph makes a specific point (contained in the topic sentence)
- Each paragraph is logically connected to and develops support for the main idea of the essay

Coherence

- The order in which the paragraphs are arranged is appropriate
- The paragraphs are logically connected to each other
- The reader is carried from one paragraph to the next by transitional words or phrases

Comments and recommendations for improvement:

Research and Documentation

- Cites at least 3 credible, relevant sources found through USCU Library or a search engine
- Responds to the sources following *They Say, I Say* templates
- Cites research and pop culture text appropriately, following MLA format
- Summarizes the text(s) and incorporates evidence in the form of quotes and paraphrasing
- Includes good signal phrases
- Formats Works Cited page correctly

Comments and recommendations for improvement: