Assignment 3-1: Problem-Solution Writing

You will write a **5 paragraph problem-solution essay** (600-750 words) that is based on the problem of finding unemployment OR related to another environmental, cultural or social problem of interest to you and approved by your instructor.

**E-copy:** due to the LEARN dropbox by 10 p.m. on **Sunday, November 11th, 2018**

**Peer-review copy due in paper or electronic form on Monday, November 12th, 2018**

**Final e-copy:** due to the LEARN dropbox by 10 p.m. on Sunday**, November 18th, 2018**

**Assignment Objectives Aligning with Course Objectives:**

* **recognize and draft an academic problem-solution essay outline**
* **paraphrase, summarize, quote, synthesize, and document sources to avoid plagiarism**
* **use academic vocabulary in context**
* **choose appropriate mechanical and grammar structures to achieve accuracy in writing**
* **develop efficient reading and text-evaluation strategies to support academic writing.**

How Your Assignment Will Be Graded

This assignment is worth 20% of your final grade. It consists of one peer reviewed draft and one graded draft. Arriving on time and prepared for the peer review session and providing thoughtful feedback to your peer will allow you to earn an additional 1% toward your final course grade.

Your assignment must meet the following criteria. You should:

* Make use of the strengths of the marked essay outline; improve on its weaknesses to write the essay
* Refer specifically but briefly to the reading(s) in LEAP’s **Chapter 2, Entrepreneurship: Creating Your Own Job,** **and at least two other outside sources** you have found or **three credible sources** if you are not writing on finding employment
* Create an interesting context sentence and connected transition sentences (a definition is helpful to your readers, but a general statement can create interest)
* Present a clear and focused thesis statement and topic sentences (Refer to the examples on the outline rubric and on the course handout)
* Describe the situation in your introduction
* Use paraphrasing techniques to summarize evidence that support your thesis (One citation per body paragraph is a good number.)
* Identify and demonstrate the problem using evidence from credible sources
* Introduce possible solutions using your own ideas and evidence from the sources
* Evaluate the solution(s) by considering the consequences/challenges/limitations of your proposed solution(s), but be sure to refute these limitations
* Include a recommendation in the conclusion by using an appropriate modal
* Conclude your essay with a strong final thought (a call to action, prediction, or warning)
* Use APA style formatting and referencing (including title page, 12-point font Times New Roman, in-text citations, and references)
* Do not use “I”
* Double space your writing (1 mark will be deducted if this is not done)
* Include a word count and similarity percentage on the APA formatted title page
* Proofread carefully as there is only one marked draft for this assignment