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Assignment Title: Summary Essay of “Can Engineers make a beneficial contribution to society?”

DUE DATE: 8AM, Tuesday, May 23rd on Canvas.

Prompt One: What are the three strands in which Engineers contribute to structures and infrastructures?

Prompt Two: How do they contribute to social and cultural development? What significant example is provided?

Content Specifications: To write this summary you will first want to fully read this essay to analyze (break down into smaller components) the text and to determine the author’s thesis. You will want to place the author’s thesis in the first few sentences of your summary. The rule of thumb suggests that a summary essay should be about one-third of the length of the text that is being summarized. Thus, the length of the summary is no less than 450 words and no more than 500 words. Once you have found the thesis you will want to provide evidence to support your thesis by synthesizing and interpreting the ideas put forth by the author. You will want to use signal phrases to introduce the text, the author’s ideas and the title of the essay. Remember those verbs? The objective of this assignment is to revisit your skills in paraphrasing, summarizing, in text citations and works cited. **Do not use direct quotes from the author.** The essay has all the necessary information for a single entry on the Reference page.

Citations and References:

- Please use the citation/reference format used by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).
- For this assignment only one in text citation is necessary. Thus only one reference to your resource will be found at the end of the essay.

Technical Specifications:

- This is an individual project that will inform course content.
- A header with your name, the date, the course, my name, and a title
- No less than 450 words and no more than 500 words. Count only words in summary text. Not title or headings
- Double spaced
- Typed using 12-point Times font
- 1-inch margins
- A Reference page at the end of the paper