
CC0001

INQUIRY AND COMMUNICATION IN AN INTERDISCIPLINARY WORLD

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ASSIGNMENT 1

OP-ED

INTRODUCTION

You will have 500 words to present your op-ed introduction over 3-4 paragraphs. In this class, we will refer to the introduction as DAQ (Description-Analysis-Question).

The purpose of the DAQ is to introduce your chosen topic by moving from general observations to specific observations and analysis. This will then lead into a research question that the rest of your op-ed will attempt to answer through 2 sources.



Description

P1: General Os
P2: Significant O



Analysis

P2-3: Significant O

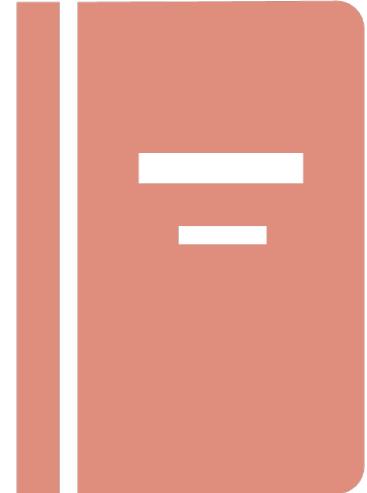


Question

P3: Conceptual question that is derived from significant O

BLOG 1: OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS (P.29)

- Due next Monday 2359 (T026 + 36) / Due next Tuesday (T064 + 74)
- **Download the Blog 1 template and complete it**
- **Cover Page** – Declaration of Academic Integrity Form (p.106)
followed by AI Usage Form (p.105 – if you have used it for
brainstorming or grammar)
- 300-500 words to be submitted to: NTULearn > Content > Blogs >
Blog 1 (Turnitin)
- Part of 15% Class Participation
- Refer to p.107-110 to understand how Blog 1 will develop into
Assignment 1



EXPLAINED: BLOG 1 TEMPLATE

Component	What to do
Data	Collate your field notes (raw data in bullet points)
Description	Write an introduction to your chosen topic using a few general Os that allow for a sensory and vivid description (4 lines)
Description	Select and describe 1 significant observation (3 lines)
Analysis	Select a reflection question that was sparked by your significant observation – suggested questions are on p.3
Analysis	Answer the reflection question (3 lines)
Analysis	Finally, distill 2 concepts that are directly related to your significant observation – this is a precursor to developing your question in Assignment 1

If you are undecided about your significant observation, you can repeat Steps 3-6 and show me a maximum of 2 possible choices (O1 and O2).

WHAT IS A SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATION?

Place

- A pattern / contrast / anomaly / detail that you noticed in your chosen place
- It can be in relation to someone you observed there too – try your best to pick an O that can reflect *something* about the place you've picked

Community

- A particular quote or set of quotes from your interviewee that sparked further thought about your chosen community

Personal Writing Habits

- A pattern / contrast / anomaly / detail you noticed in a specific aspect of your writing
- For example, a pattern in the way you write IG captions

WHAT IS A REFLECTION Q?

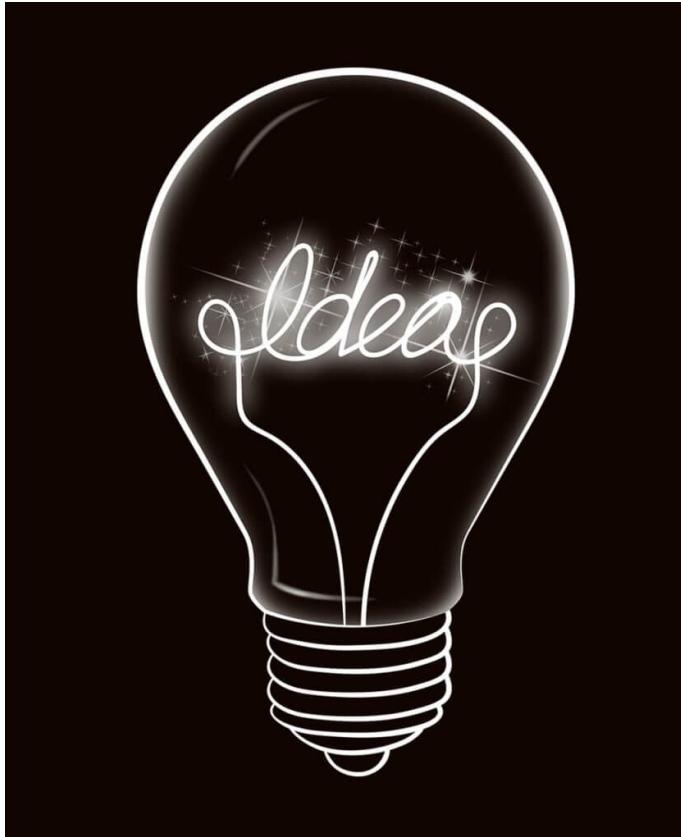
Possible questions for the reflection column

- **Self-reflection**
 - What are some assumptions I had prior to this O?
 - How did this O challenge my thinking?
 - How did this make me feel?
 - Why did this elicit such a reaction from me?
- **Conceptual reflection**
 - What do I think has caused this?
 - What do I foresee could be the challenges or consequences of this?
 - What are further characteristics of this?
 - When/where is this O most significant/pertinent?
 - Who is this O most significant/pertinent to?

Feel free to come up with your own questions based on your responses to the observations, using 5Ws1H as a guide (What, Who, Where, When, Why, How).

- Step 1 of Analysis: A reflection question is one that focuses on your personal response to the chosen observation**
 - Your pre-existing knowledge
 - Your feelings before and after
 - Your opinions before and after
- Step 2 of Analysis: Move from what is personal to what is conceptual.**
 - I may have observed dirty sofas (detail) at The Arc, which bothered me (personal). This may then lead me to reflect on the importance of facility maintenance (conceptual).

AI POLICY



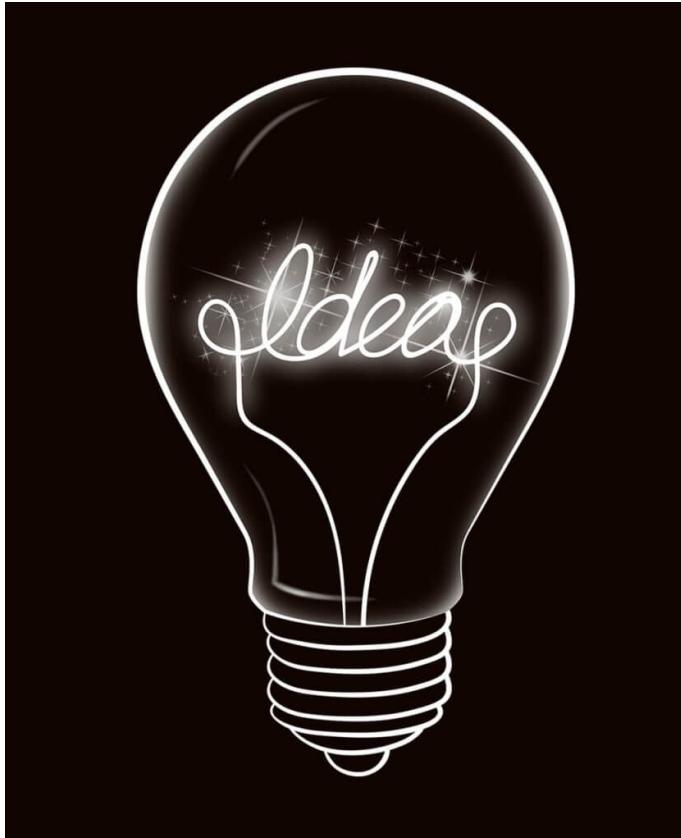
Generative AI tools cannot be used in CC0001 to generate *any writing*. At no point in this course should you be copying sentences from AI into your work.

However, you may use them in two limited ways:

- **Brainstorming** – to generate lists and find related ideas, such as "Where are some popular tourist spots in Singapore?"
- **Grammar** – to check for any errors (NOT to write on your behalf)

If you use AI in these ways, you must disclose your usage in the **Declaration of Academic Integrity Form** and document your usage within the **AI Usage Form**. A lack of disclosure may result in similar penalties as given in plagiarism cases.

AI POLICY



Be discerning when using GAI tools

Tools such as ChatGPT are prone to providing incorrect information, fabricated sources or information without proper citations.

Even when you receive a response, it is important that you question it:

- Is the response answering my question in the first place? Read again.
- Is the response true? Is the response true but outdated? Verify it with credible sources.
- Is the response biased? Consider other perspectives or contexts that are relevant.

When disclosing your AI usage in the form, I would like you to write about your questioning process too: *Why did I need to refer to AI and to what extent was the AI tool useful in addressing that need?*

NEXT WEEK

Bring a printout or a soft copy of Blog 1 to class.

You will be exchanging blogs with a peer for a mini workshop.