

Louisiana Tech University Cyber Discovery

Paper Writing

This week you will write a total of four papers covering a variety of subject matter addressed via a combination of the movie discussions, the liberal arts lectures, and the nightly readings. Some of these papers will offer you the ability to be more creative than others, but for the most part each paper will be judged by the same standards. Three different liberal arts professors will blindly read and grade your papers, assessing your success based on the following criteria:

Content: Your ability to follow the prompt, have a clear argument (if required), produce fully developed paragraphs, provide evidence (when necessary), analyze and summarize the texts (when required), and follow word count restrictions. Rhetorical awareness is also going to be an important aspect of each paper, by which you should understand target audience, point of view, and specific contexts.

Organization: Your ability to clearly introduce your subject matter, create consistently structured body paragraphs, and have a clear conclusion. You are not limited to a particular number of paragraphs; however, there is a word count restriction that you must follow (500 words each, no more than 550, no less than 450). With this limitation, you should think about organizing your paper around 3-4 paragraphs.

Style: Your ability to produce clear, logical prose that are grammatically correct and include transitional words/phrases when necessary. When using quotations, they should be smoothly integrated with signal phrases and attributive verbs. Strong, concise writing usually results in the best papers.