

# Week 12

Comm 1133

Writing Strategies

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# Plan for today

- Course schedule for the rest of term
- Exam info
- Final portfolio exercise

# Course schedule

- April 8<sup>th</sup> (this Friday):
  - Portfolio make-up exercise (if you've missed any)
- April 13<sup>th</sup> (next Wednesday):
  - Research essay draft 2
- April 15<sup>th</sup> (next Friday):
  - Portfolio 2 is due
    - Reflection questions assigned in class
- April 20<sup>th</sup> (two weeks from today):
  - Final exam (2 hours)

# Exam details

1. Read two articles (1-2 pages in length).
  - All bibliographic details are provided
2. Write an essay using views from BOTH articles
  - 400-600 words
3. You will respond to **one** of four prompts.

# What am I evaluated on?

- Organization
  - thesis statement
  - unity and coherence
  - thoroughly developed paragraphs
- Research
  - understanding of research and documentation
  - integrating of research (with proper APA in-text citations)
  - more points for more paraphrasing
  - references page
- Mechanics
  - all grammar principles

# Source type: Newspaper article

- Surname, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Name of Publication*, pp./p.
- \*\*a template will be provided.

# Recommended allocation of time

- 4:30-5:00
  - Read the articles for context
  - Select the topic
  - Read and highlight main points which speak to topic
  - Put a rough plan together
- 5:00-6:00
  - Write the essay
- 6:00-6:10
  - References Page
- 6:10-6:20
  - Revisions

# Questions?

- Do I need an outline?
- Can I bring a dictionary? What else can I bring?
- What happens if I don't finish in time?
- Do I need a title, cover page, page numbers?
- What if I am ill?
- Can I study for the exam?
- Am I familiar with the topic?



# Final portfolio exercise

- Find and fix all the errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation on the handout.
- Come to class on Friday for a make-up exercise if you missed any of the following exercises:
  - Research question brainstorming (week 8)
  - Paraphrasing/quoting handout (week 9)
  - Writing a reference list (week 9)
  - Grammar review worksheet (week 11)
  - Proofreading exercise (week 12)