

SC1101E
Making Sense of Society
Sem1 AY 2014-15

Individual Short Assignment

Submission

This short assignment is due **Friday Sep 19, 2014 5pm**. Please submit a hardcopy of your essay, together with your signed integrity declaration, to **your tutor's snail mail box** located outside the Sociology General Office (AS1, Level 3, near LT9). Do note that there are penalties for **late submission and plagiarism**.

The Assignment

1. **Select any social event, phenomenon, or process from your surroundings and in your everyday life. Use the Sociological Imagination (Mills) to explain and help your general readers understand (Weber) the social event, phenomenon, or process you have chosen to analyse.**
2. You may use any relevant sociological theories, concepts, and findings you have learned from the lectures, tutorials, readings, and/or other sociology publications to facilitate your analysis.
3. Your essay should be prepared as a Word document comprising between 450-500 words (not including bibliography), double-spaced, font size 12. **Write your name, your tutor's name, discussion group (DG), email, and contact number on the top right hand corner of the front page of your essay.** Please keep a copy of your essay for your own reference.
4. You will need to include a bibliography listing the academic sources—and, if applicable, the textbook—you have cited in your essay; not doing so constitutes academic plagiarism, a serious offence. We have no particular preference regarding referencing styles (see below).
5. Guides for citation styles
 - i. <http://libguides.nus.edu.sg/citation>
 - ii. MLA handbook for writers of research papers (2009) in RBR Call No. [LB2369 Gib 2009](#)
 - iii. <http://www.asanet.org/students/Quick%20Style%20guide.pdf>

Our expectation

This assignment is designed to provide you an opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of sociology and utilise some of its tools.

Please note that we do not have any model essay in mind, but we hope to see a relatively compact, somewhat short, highly readable essay discussing and explaining something familiar and unique to you from the perspective of someone who has a clear sense of what the sociological imagination is about.

Do learn from and enjoy the writing process.

Integrity Declaration

I declare that this essay is my own work, and where work(s) other than mine are used, I have given proper credit to the author(s), as stipulated by the NUS policy on plagiarism. (<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/undergrad/toknow/policies/plagiarism.html>).

Signature of Student

Name: _____

DG: _____

“Neither the life of an individual nor the history of a society can be understood without understanding both.”

TES/Harry/Bubbles/Elvin Sep 5, 5pm