

Essay

This assignment concerns [‘Kirinyaga’, ch. 1, by Mike Resnik](#)

Introduction

Koriba strangles a newborn child. He claims that the traditions of his people, the Kikuyu, say it is morally required of him to do so. Maintenance is concerned. They send Barbara Eaton to investigate.

Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to help you practice the following skills that are essential to your success in this course and others.

1. Charitably explaining arguments about issues of public importance.
2. Understanding that there are different cultural norm and how those norms guide different behavior.
3. Explaining difficult concepts in your own words.

Task

In this assignment, pretend to be Barbara Eaton and write a report that does the following:

1. Describes conditions on the ground. What did you see? Did people seem happy, healthy, etc?
2. How did people respond to you? Were they welcoming? Were they hostile? What did they say to you?
3. How did Koriba explain his strangling of the child?
4. How did Koriba respond when you claimed it was immoral to kill the child?

Word Count

500-750. Essays shorter than 500 words or longer than 750 words will lose points.

Due Date

Please consult the syllabus and course website for the due date.

Late Submissions

Per the policies outlined in the syllabus, late work will not be accepted. Any request for special treatment will be ignored. If you foresee difficulties submitting work on time, either because of personal or work commitments, then you should start this paper early and submit it early.

Plagiarism

Please review the plagiarism policy on the syllabus. It is critical that you prepare your assignment by yourself. Use only the textbook and handouts—it will take you less time to work through these materials than to find and read other sources. I will be checking for significant overlaps between submission as well as checking answers against Wikipedia, internet search results, standard essay sites, etc. If you include material in your essay without citing it, you will receive 0 for the assignment. A second violation will result in a 0 for the course, a report to the Dean, and a petition for a note to be added to your permanent academic record.

Format

Please submit the file as a Microsoft Word file through Blackboard.

Grading

Please find the rubric and explanation of it [here](#).

Resources

Please find links to writing resources [here](#)