

The Guided Research Paper is based mainly on the Part Two and Part Three assignments from the Guided Research module. Your goal is to create an original (meaning written by you, for this class), documented (in MLA style) research paper by the deadline. The Guided Research paper is worth 35 points; you need at least 70 points to pass the course with a grade of "C" (see the Syllabus for more details on the Grading Standards). (If you are passionate about writing about your analysis of another work, you will need to get approval from me by May 31, 2023 so that I can make sure the work you picked is suitable for our paper, and so I can help you locate research materials on it. I do recommend sticking with the Guided Research materials, because you will be working on assignments that you can build on for the research paper itself, instead of starting from scratch with a new subject.)

Directions

Write a 4-6 page, double-spaced, research paper based on our guided research materials this semester. Use a standard 12-point font such as Times New Roman, Courier, Arial, or Calibri. You may want to read through the Sample Guided Research Paper, linked on the Blackboard course menu, for an example from a previous class. Please proofread for grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization, and word choice. This is an English composition course, so I do have to consider your writing skills as well as the content of your paper, when grading it.

Your paper must contain the following elements:

1) Introduction - a brief introduction that names the materials you will address in your paper, and briefly (in a sentence or two) describes each source. For example, you will need to mention and briefly describe the "Formation" video, the opinion piece, and the scholarly article(s) that you read for this assignment. Describe briefly how Beyonce uses ethos (credibility/motives/authority), pathos (emotion), and/or logos (logic, reasoning, or referring to respected sources) in her "Formation" video. (You can use the ethos/pathos/logos discussion from your Part One assignment for this section, if you wish to do so.)

2) Response to criticism - revise the response from your Part Two assignment; focus on revising for grammar, citation format, and punctuation, but you can also add any further thoughts you have on the opinion piece you read about the video; make sure to include the quote and in-text citation (or signal phrase with author's name) from the opinion piece; in other words, you should at least include everything you turned in for your Part Two assignment, and then revise from there. You must use one of the articles linked in the Part Two assignment.

3) Response to scholarly article - revise the response from your Part Three assignment; again, focus on revising for grammar, citation format, and punctuation, but you can also add any further thoughts you have on the scholarly article you read about the video; make sure to include the quote and in-text citation (or signal phrase with author's name) from the scholarly article; you can earn extra credit (5 points) if you discuss two scholarly articles from our guided research module, quoting and citing both in MLA format; in other words, you should include everything you wrote for your Part Three assignment, and then revise from there. The scholarly article or articles must be from the list of articles linked in the Part Three assignment.

4) Conclusions - describe whether the readings (the opinion piece and the scholarly article or articles) enhanced or modified your perspective on the video; make any final comments or observations about the video or the research that you have not already addressed in the paper

5) Works Cited Page - list all the sources referred to in your paper (including the "Formation" video), in MLA format; see the **MLA Resources** link on the course menu for help, especially the **Beyonce Response Paper Citation Help** link; check to make sure that all the sources on your Works Cited page are referred to in the body of your paper, and check that all the quotes/paraphrases in your paper correspond to a source on the Works Cited page; you may want to use www.EasyBib.com to help you create citations for the "Formation" video and the Part Two article you used; I recommend using the MDC Library to find the citation for the Part Three article you used in your paper

6) Overall - If you have time, you may want to focus on creating a smooth transition between paragraphs in your paper; for example, one way to create a smooth transition is to mention something from the previous paragraph, and then relate it to the topic of the next paragraph; if time permits, read Chapters 7 and 8 of our *They Say/ I Say* textbook, which has some helpful advice on how to integrate quotes into a paper and how to make your whole paper more focused on your main points