

Theme Essay Rough Draft

Assignment Sheet

Your first major essay for ENL 111 will be the Theme Essay. In preparation for that assignment and for your first formal writing in ENL 095, you will write a rough draft to the Theme Essay.

Objective.

Write an essay that explores one overlapping theme in these texts, especially ones we have discussed in class. Choose three texts to focus on. Locate a common theme among the three texts, exposing how the theme plays out in different ways within the texts. An example would be to think about the concept of liberation and how each text approaches it a little differently while there are similarities too. Even though these writings span different genres, they have intertwining themes.

While this is a formal draft and may include quotes from the assigned texts, it does not need to include other research sources. You will add those to your final draft which will be submitted in ENL 111.

Three of the following five texts must be included in your essay. You must write on "The Banking Concept," but you may choose the other two. Here are your choices:

- "The Banking Concept" by Paulo Freire
- "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom" by Amy Chua
- "Mother Inferior" by Hanna Rosin
- "Amy Chua is a Wimp" by David Brooks
- "The Sanctuary of School" by Linda Barry

Format Requirements

1. Use 12-point type and Times New Roman font.
2. Use preset one-inch margins on all sides of every page.
3. Double-space throughout the paper and indent paragraphs an extra 0.5"
4. Do not use a title page. Center your title on the first page, using capital and small letters.
5. On your first page, put your name, the date, and the assignment type

Essay Outline

- **Introduction:** Introduce each of the three texts you are going to discuss in your essay. Include the titles and authors. Transition to your thesis statement, which is your one-

sentence summary of the essay. Close your introduction with your underlined thesis statement that explains how this theme appears in each text.

- **Body:** Present multiple body paragraphs to support your overall claim (thesis statement). Each body paragraph should begin with a topic sentence. The topic sentence announces the specific point for that paragraph. **Be sure to give each text equal attention.** Use your notes and our classroom discussions to identify some significant points.
- **Conclusion:** Review your main points made in your essay. Do not include any new information. Close your essay with a final statement

Additional Requirements:

- This is a formal essay assignment. Do not use second-person pronouns.
- Your rough draft should have a creative title.
- Your rough draft must be between 3-4 pages.
- You **must** take this draft to the Writing Center for tutoring.
- A grading rubric will be posted Blackboard.

Your rough draft is worth 100 points, and it is due in class _____.