

### **Writing assignment for 188/121 classes**

Now that you have read and critiqued several write-up assignments, it's time to try to write your own. The paper should be in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, left-aligned ([not justified](#)), with normal (1", 1.25") margins. It should be at least one page long\*, not counting the heading, title, and references elements. The heading should be no more than 2 lines long and include your name and section number. You must include in line (as you use) citations and a References section at the end of your paper.

Since you do not have a list of class terms for this course, you will use psychological phenomena terms, found and explained on [this Wikipedia page](#). Avoid the terms in red.

Since part of the assignment requirements ask you to define and apply the definition of your term, and Wikipedia is a secondary source, you should only use that page to introduce yourself to the concept. The actual definition you use should be taken from a primary source (i.e., use the References section of that Wikipedia page). Of course, you should then apply the definition to the topic you chose.

The rest of the paper requirements are the same:

- ☐ The write-up should be based on a current news event (published less than 3 months ago) that has something to do with technology and society, and has a connection with the term you choose to use. If you are struggling to find a good topic, you can use one from the often-updated Pinterest page here: <https://www.pinterest.com/AP285UMB/ethics-umb/>
- ☐ Provide multiple points of view – more than just your own interpretation of the news. Whose views are represented in the article? Which perspectives are not mentioned but may be affected by the event? Justify the reasoning behind each view. Identify strengths and weaknesses of these perspectives, weighing them for validity and relevance.
- ☐ Conclude with your own opinion and why it is the best approach to the topic. Yes, there are other viewpoints, but why does yours make the most sense? The opinion need not be prefaced by “I think,” since it should be obvious to the reader after presenting multiple views that this one is your own.
- ☐ APA citation format should be used. If you don't know how to cite things, please [do some research](#) on your own. If you use material from outside sources without attributing it, you risk a 0 for your assignment and the course due to plagiarism. Note that APA formatting applies only to citations. All headings must not exceed 2 lines (even though, for example, APA papers usually have a 4-line double-spaced heading). Any statistics or specific information in the write-up must have an in-line citation that connects to the References section.
- ☐ Quotes of more than 40 words a) should be in a block quote, [according to APA](#) guidelines and b) are strongly discouraged for this assignment. When a paper is only one page double-spaced, including an entire paragraph for someone else's idea is not advised.

The write-up should be free from grammatical, syntax, citation, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling errors.

\*While this paper only needs to be 1 page long for your assignment, you may want to make it at least 3 pages so that it can be included in a [WPE portfolio](#).