

RACE ESSAY

In this paper you will be investigating the current status of race in the United States.

Prompt:

- Is racism still a widespread problem in the United States?
- How is the “American experience” different for people of different races?
- Are we living in a “post-racial” society? Or has society stayed the same?

- ◉ A thesis statement is an answer to a question. It is what you want your audience to think.
- ◉ Your thesis is like the top of a stool. If the audience likes it, they will sit on it. Your stool needs to be supported - it needs legs.
- ◉ The legs are your arguments, your reasons why the thesis is correct, why the audience should agree with you.
- ◉ Arguments are best when they can not be disagreed with. These are rational arguments based on fact. Facts may be interpreted different ways, but they can not be denied.
- ◉ Arguments that are based on what people feel or believe can work too, but they are not as strong. People feel and believe different things. These are emotional arguments.

A FEW THING TO GUIDE YOUR WRITING

- Provide reasons why your option is the best. Identify at least three. Each reasons should be supported with facts or examples.
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- Counter Arguments/Claims. Identify possible arguments AGAINST your option. What is your response to these arguments? Which ones may have some validity? Are there any legitimate concerns about your argument?

ESSAY STRUCTURE

- ◉ INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH (2 - 3 SENTENCE INTRODUCING YOUR TOPIC; THESIS STATEMENT)
- ◉ BODY IDEA #1 (1-3 PARAGRAPHS)
- ◉ BODY IDEA #2 (1-3 PARAGRAPHS)
- ◉ BODY IDEA #3 (1-3 PARAGRAPHS)
- ◉ CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH (3-4 SENTENCES SUMMARIZING YOUR ARGUMENT; CONNECT TO LARGER IMPORTANCE FOR U.S. HISTORY)

○ Write your thesis statement (come up with three main reasons to support your viewpoint)

• Thesis - what is your position?

1. Body Idea #1 (think topic sentence)

2. Body Idea #2

3. Body Idea #3

BODY IDEA #1

- ◎ Concrete Detail #1

- ◎ Commentary -supporting ideas/analysis sentences - why does the CD support your body idea? Explain how/why CD connects to or proves your thesis statement & topic sentence for this paragraph

BODY IDEA # 1

- ◎ Concrete Detail #2

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CONCLUSION

- ◎ Wrap up your main ideas