

CULTURE AND GLOBALIZATION

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Research Paper

Due: via email by 5pm, Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Your final essay is a chance for you to present library research on your topic and make connections to material and themes we have addressed in class. The goal should be to highlight your ability to synthesize material and make new connections to core concepts. Your essay should serve to inform a reader who is unfamiliar with your topic.

Your essay must include the following:

- At least four academic sources pertaining to your topic (preferably scholarly articles; chapters from a book are allowed by special permission).
- References to at least three readings from class.
- You can include further references as is helpful for you (to media for example).

Your essay should not be simply a summary of the articles. Rather, you should synthesize the various materials to provide a coherent description of the issue you are studying. What are key aspects and concerns? What are debates in policy or the press? What is your own view of what could be done?

Other than the above requirements and suggestions, you are free to take the paper in any direction that interests and compels you.

Technical Requirements

- Assignments must be 10 to 12 pages, 1 ½ spacing, 12-point font, 1-inch margins.
- Your name, the date, and the assignment (“Research Paper”) must appear in the top left corner, single-spaced.
- Use standard grammar and punctuation; make sure your work is free of spelling errors and typos.
- Use a standard citation format.
- Include a bibliography as an additional last page.

The deadline is final. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Peer Review Workshop

We will be doing a peer review of drafts of our papers in class on Wednesday, November 14. You will pair up in class, read drafts of each other’s work, and provide feedback. I will distribute a guide to giving useful, constructive feedback.

For the November 14 workshop, you must bring a copy of your draft for your peer to review. This draft does not have to be complete, it should be no less than 5 pages. It also does not have to include all of your sources. That said, the more you have, the more you can get feedback on.

You will write-up a very brief report to me of the paper you reviewed.

You must also email me a copy of your draft before class that day.