

**Fall 2008 // WSU // English 101 – Introductory Writing
Sections 4, 36, 38, 43**

Paper #2 Assignment Sheet

Due Date(s):

- **Friday, September 26th:** Bring one copy of a complete draft to class.
- **Wednesday, October 1st:** Paper #2 is due by 11:59pm.

Notes:

- **Sections 4 & 43**, send your documents electronically to toriasenglishclass@gmail.com on both due dates
- **Sections 36 & 38** will be using Google Docs. Additional information will be provided in class.
- **Sections 4 & 43**, refer to the "MLA Document Formatting Guidelines" handout for instructions on creating your document.
- Your essay should be approximately **1200-1500 words** (4-5 typed pages).

Instructions:

1. Select one article from the list below and access it online. When you access these documents, you will be prompted for a username and password. The username is *stephenson* and the password is *north*
Tower, Wells. "The kids are far right: Hippie hunting, bunny bashing, and the new conservatism." Harper's Magazine, 11/06.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art1.pdf
[five authors in a forum discussion] "Grand Theft Education: Literacy in the age of video games." Harper's Magazine, 09/06.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art2.pdf
Quamman, David. "Clone your troubles away: Dreaming at the frontiers of animal husbandry." Harper's Magazine, 02/05.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art3.pdf
White, Curtis. "The spirit of disobedience: An invitation to resistance." Harper's Magazine, 04/06.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art4.pdf
Barry, Elizabeth. "Celebrity, cultural production and public life." International Journal of Cultural Studies, 2008.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art5.pdf
Dumm, Thomas. "Barack Obama and the Souls of White Folk." Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies, 09/08.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art6.pdf
Goldberg, Jeffrey. "The Wars of John McCain." Atlantic Monthly, 10/08.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art7.pdf
Carr, Nicholas. "Is Google Making Us Stupid? What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains" Atlantic Monthly, 08/08.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art8.pdf
Schwarz, Benjamin. "Intolerant Chic." Atlantic Monthly, 10/08. *NOTE: This is a book review. You are not required to read the book. However, if you choose to work with this topic, you should visit the web site that is discussed and summarize and engage with a few of the entries.*
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art9.pdf
Pollan, Michael. "Why Not Bother?" Saturday Evening Post, 09/08.
http://www.academicsandbox.com/F08/E101/pdfs/p2_art10.pdf
2. Read the article (duh)
3. Introduce the article and take a stand for or against its main argument
4. Summarize the article, which will include the use of summary, paraphrase, quoting, and good transitions
5. Enter the conversation by explaining your stance
6. Add to the conversation by analyzing the situation and adding to the issue. You may have to do outside research to bolster your claims.
7. Conclude your essay by wrapping up all the main points.

Note: Mastering the "moves" of academic writing, as seen throughout *They Say/I Say*, is the ultimate goal in this essay, although critical engagement is also significant.