**Houston Community College**

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**English 1301**

**Professor Hinchen-Bryan**

Essay #3:

The goal of this assignment is to construct an essay using a topic of your choice and incorporating documentation correctly. The essay must have an introduction with the thesis statement as the last sentence, 2 body paragraphs and a conclusion. You must include at least 3 quotes in your essay using the websites provided under each topic. You will have one hour to write your essay and submit it to canvas in one hour and a half.

**Steps to Follow**

**Step One:**You need to brainstorm and plan your essay.

**Step Two**: Review the links provided to find information to include in your essay.

**Step Three:**Put your essay together and proofread it.

**Step Four:** Publish your essay by uploading it to turnitin.com

Essay topics:

* **Can Cellphones Be Educational Tools?**

<https://thecampanile.org/2017/09/07/cell-phones-should-be-used-as-an-educational-tool/>

<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tools-tips/using-smartphones-classroom>

<https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/09/20/can-cellphones-be-educational-tools/>

* **Is it offensive for sports teams to use Native Americans as mascots?**

<http://www.ncai.org/proudtobe>

<http://www.sportingnews.com/ncaa-football/news/offensive-sports-teams-named-after-native-american-tribes-or-slurs/3uqe7hmp1jle1rrjhlcqrshrm>

<http://www.statepress.com/article/2016/04/when-traditional-sports-teams-mascots-are-offensive>

* **Does TV capture the diversity of America?**

<http://time.com/4505348/we-need-more-diversity-on-tv/>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/maddieberg/2017/02/22/note-to-networks-diversity-on-tv-pays-off/#76ba2aca3d0a>

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/is-diversity-on-tv-really-getting-better>

Grading Rubrics

**Overall Conceptualization (max. 50 points)**:

* Focuses on the relationship of theme and imagery. Is the theme well-defined? Can the reader visualize it?

**Essay (max. 25 points)**:

* Focuses both on form (grammar, organization, style) and content (explanation of your theme).

**Essay sequence (max. 25 points)**:

* Is the essay arranged in a cohesive way—is there a beginning, middle, and end? If applicable, do quotes or captions add another, thought-provoking dimension to the essay?
* **You will have ten minutes to plan**
* **You will have ten minutes to research**
* **Your will have ten minutes to outline**
* **You will have one hour to write, edit and submit your final draft to turnitin.com tonight.**