

Writing Assignment General Information Page

For the assigned papers, your contentions should be supported with details, examples, and citation of independent and reputable sources of information. Cited references should be identified using numbered end notes providing complete bibliographic information. Alternatively, you may use scientific citation format (i.e. citations listed alphabetically by author in a bibliography at the end of the paper). Examples of appropriate citation formatting can be found at the following link:

<http://www.libs.uga.edu/ref/apastyle.html>

Consider your sources of information carefully. For example, a high school student's blog is probably not a reasonable reference, but a U.S. Department of Energy website probably is. You are particularly encouraged to use refereed journal publications as sources. Wikipedia provide a useful perspective. However, Wikipedia itself does not count toward the required number of reputable, independent references (i.e. Four references are required for the first paper and five for the second).

The following are critical attributes of good reports; please keep them in mind as you write.

- Clarity of argument;
- Brevity;
- Accuracy;
- Quality of discussion;
- Evidence of research and reading;
- Synthesis of diverse sources;
- Independence of thought.

Any string of more than three words taken directly from any source should be placed in quotes and the source should be identified. Long quotes are not encouraged; the thoughts expressed in the paper should be your own. If it is necessary to use a quotation of more than a line or two, it is preferable that the quote be offset in an indented paragraph of its own.

Writing assignments should be double spaced, with 12 point font and 1 inch margins at the top, bottom, left and right. Pages should be numbered.

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