

Humanities *Things Fall Apart* Essay

Due Dates:

- Outline – _____ (40 points)
- Rough Draft – _____ (60 points)
- Final Draft – _____ (200 points)

Worth: 300 Points Total

Specifics:

- *Length*: 3-page minimum.
- *Format*: 12-point standard font, Times New Roman; **MLA citation format**. Review <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/> to help with MLA.
- This essay needs to have Works Cited, which should begin on a new page after the essay. Follow MLA style for Works Cited.
- Minimum of 3 outside sources. *Things Fall Apart* does not count.
- The revised essay needs to be submitted at two places: in class on the due date and www.turnitin.com, before 11:59 PM. I will NOT read your essay unless it is turned in to turnitin.com. If the essay is late in submitting to turnitin.com, or class it is considered late and will be docked 1 letter grade per day.
- Absolutely no plagiarism is allowed.

Prompt:

Discuss the theme of change in the novel *Things Fall Apart*. Discuss the relevance of this theme not only in relationship to the characters, but also in relationship to the change occurring on the continent of Africa during the time of the novel. In each paragraph, you should discuss change going on in Africa and then relate that change to our novel.

You may want to structure your essay this way:

Introduction- Obviously, introduce the topic of the essay. This is where you should also discuss the context of the essay. Discuss change in general at the beginning and then narrow your focus to change in Africa and then to change as a theme in the book.

Body Paragraphs 1-?- In each body paragraph you need to identify specific areas of change occurring on the continent of Africa. You need to discuss the area of change and how it impacted the continent of Africa **in general** during colonization.

Then in the second chunk of each paragraph, you should relate the change in Africa to the novel. For example, you may want to discuss the change in religion (introduction of Christianity) on the continent and then relate it to the white missionaries in the book and how bringing Christianity changes the lives of characters in the novel.

Conclusion- Revisit your thesis statement. Summarize your key points and relate what you are writing about to the big picture. Finish with a strong closing statement.