

Classwork for May 18 – May 22, 2020

Hello Everyone!

Again, I hope everyone continues to do well.

Thank you very much for the responses given in the last assignment. I realize many of you will be taking AP exams this upcoming week so this week's assignments are not too demanding. Please remember to check in with me for attendance, even if you will be late with your work. Have a great week!

- Journal #8: ([Add to your Google Journal](#)): write about an experience that taught you something about yourself. Describe.

PLEASE SUBMIT THESE 2 ASSIGNMENTS IN ONE GOOGLE DOC

- Reaction (250 words minimum):** As you may have been following news coverage about the quarantine, there is a great deal of criticism about the federal response to the pandemic. Along political beliefs, there is praise and condemnation about how the government has responded to the crisis. After reading the two articles, please consider the question that is being raised by one of your colleagues: **is the United States a failed state?** Feel free to agree or disagree with editorials provided. Offer your thoughts and analysis about the commentary. Provide a snazzy title to your reflection.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2020/06/underlying-conditions/610261/>

And

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/29/politics/jared-kushner-coronavirus-success-story/index.html>

- Reflection (250 words):** Please read the editorial from the University of Texas San Antonio. Consider what the underlying aspects of American culture that are being exposed by the pandemic. Do you agree with the author's

premise? Does American society lack empathy? Can anything be done about it? Explain.

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<https://paisano-online.com/23534/commentary/american-society-lacks-empathy/>

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Repeat Items:

Grading Policy: 10-week grades would be frozen and there will be no 15-week progress grade posted. From this point on, grades can only go up, not down. Therefore, this is an excellent opportunity to achieve the highest grade possible by doing all the work. For those of you thinking about simply taking it easy if you are comfortable with your 10-week grade, well, that is your choice but please don't forget why you're here in the first place. Learn to learn and enjoy the learning!

Your Grade on Aeries: I will continue to update the Gradebook with turned-in or missing assignments. If you choose to miss any future assignments, you will naturally see your grade percentage go down (so don't freak-out!), however, at the end of the semester, I will personally update your grade with either the 10-week grade or your current grade (whichever is higher).

Research Papers: I am continuing to read and grade research papers; however, I am NOT adding the score to the gradebook until I've completed all 110 papers. Some of you are depending on that grade to know your exact grade. Therefore, I will prioritize those research papers for students who had lower than a C grade at the 10-week. If you would like to discuss your grade with me, or figure out any projections, please email me. **For those of you who earned an A or B at the 10-week PR, and if your research paper followed most of the requirements, you can assume that your total grade will naturally improve or stay the same.** In order to speed up the process, I will only issue the rubric grade in your final assessment of the research paper. IF you would like further commentary about your research paper, please email me directly to let me know you want more feedback. Thanks for understanding!