

Cause and Effect Essay

Context and Purpose: So far this semester, you have explored many complicated issues related to community and the Covid-19 pandemic. You've described how the pandemic has personally affected you. You've conducted interviews to compare/contrast the different experiences of others impacted by the pandemic. You've also engaged in research to find new ways to explain the significance of the pandemic to people in your academic discipline.

Assignment:

Now you will build on the experiences and research of this semester and explain how and why certain perspectives, strategies, attitudes, topics that are "at issue," have led you to a specific conclusion about the Covid-19 pandemic. You can include some of the research you have used for the Explanation Essay as well as information gathered during your compare/contrast interviews. Overall, identify those most important perspectives, strategies, facts and definitions, and even attitudes, that offer support for your narrow conclusion about it.

Requirements:

- This paper will be 3-4 pages in length and follow all MLA guidelines.
- State your thesis clearly and include specific supporting examples throughout.
- Start with an engaging and relevant introduction: what does your reader need to know before starting to read? Why is this topic important?
- Each paragraph needs to have a clear focus, start with a topic sentence that relates back to your thesis, and end with a transition into the next paragraph.
- Use clear, concise, and specific language.
- Conclude the essay by addressing the "So What?" question: what do you hope your reader to take away from your findings? What do you hope will they change or see differently? What has changed for you as a result of looking more deeply into this issue?

Timeline:

Be sure you follow the modules schedule as there are several assignments for the until not listed here.

Nov 10 – 20 review your research for the Explanation Essay and notes/reflections about our community connections; review drafts with your writing group

Nov 24 upload your cause and effect essay to Blackboard by 10am