

Quarter One 10th grade End Performance Task

Gender Inequality Research Paper

Assignment: You will write a 3-5 page essay in MLA format. Your primary objective will be to identify the significance of inequalities in gender, and to take a stance on the existence and importance of gender inequality, or gender bias in our modern American society. Once you have created a clear thesis directly answering the question, use outside research and your own analysis to support your claim.

Requirements:

- Three to four pages, typed
- MLA format: 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, double spaced, 1" margins, header, heading, two spaces after each period, Title centered, in-text citations, etc.
- Works Cited page – page 4 or 5 of your essay
- At least four cited sources (Works Cited page)
- Photocopy at least five useful pages of information, or print it out if it is an online source. This will help you have information at hand, and will allow me to verify your sources.
- Two sources must be books
- One Internet Source
- One source from the online database
- One source of your choice
- Outline (see below)
- Source cards for all sources
- At least six paragraphs (an introduction, at least four body paragraphs (which means you need to narrow your thesis to include at least four specific elements of your topic), and a conclusion)

Essay Prompt:

- Does gender inequality exist in contemporary American society? How does one's gender affect their life chances **and** how do social institutions perpetuate gender inequality **or** help create equality?

Research Paper Outline

- I. Intro
 - a. Interest reader
 - b. Give background info
 - c. Clearly stated thesis with four specific areas of research listed

- II. Body paragraph one – one element of research topic
 - a. Information about paragraph topic
 - b. Information about paragraph topic
 - c. Information about paragraph topic

- III. Body paragraph two – second element of research topic
 - a. Information about paragraph topic
 - b. Information about paragraph topic
 - c. Information about paragraph topic

- IV. Body paragraph three – third element of research topic
 - a. Information about paragraph topic
 - b. Information about paragraph topic
 - c. Information about paragraph topic

- V. Conclusion
 - a. Restate what your research topic is
 - b. Summarize your main points
 - c. End with comment on how your topic helped to shape our lives today, what you want readers to know or to do, how the future will be different, etc.

Due Dates:

- Topic _____ (100 points)
- Thesis _____ (100 points)
- Outline _____ (600 points)
- Computer Database Notes _____ (100 points)
- Online Source Notes _____ (100 points)
- 1st Typed Draft _____ (1000 points)
- Peer Edit _____ (500 points)
- Revised Essay (Final) _____ (2000 points)
- Works Cited Page _____ (300 points)

Total (4800 points)