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ENGL&94 and SOC&101

## Assignment 1:

## Due Date

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## Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to develop your ability to analyze and compare personal narratives from a sociological viewpoint.

### Knowledge

This assignment will help you become familiar with the following Sociological concepts:

* The distinction between ethnocentrism and cultural relativism
* Agents of socialization
* How members of a society are punished or rewarded for conformity through formal and informal sanctions.

### Skills

After completing this assignment, you will be able to:

* Apply a prewriting technique in order to generate ideas.
* Utilize an organizing technique to arrange your ideas in logical order.
* Compose a well-developed essay comprised of introduction, body and conclusion.
* Incorporate direct quotations from a text into your writing.
* Apply academic conventions to the format of your paper.

## Tasks

* Read Chapter 3 (Culture) and Chapter 5 (Socialization) of *Introduction to Sociology*.
* Read Gloria Anzaldua’s “How to Tame a Wild Tongue.”
* Read Robert Lake’s “An Indian Father’s Plea.”
* Read Amy Tan’s “Mother Tongue.”
* Pick two of the three essays to compare and contrast.
* Compose an analytical essay that compares and contrasts the content of two of the essays listed above.

Your compare-contrast essay should address how the pieces address the following concepts:

* Author’s purpose
* Author’s intended audience
* Diction and tone
* Ethnocentrism and cultural relativism o Norms, mores and folkways
* Agents of socialization
* Formal and informal sanctions

## Criteria for Success

Students will be assessed using the ENGL 94 paragraph rubric posted on Canvas. Students are also encouraged to review the annotated sample essay (also posted on Canvas) for insight on how the paper might be developed and formatted.

## Additional Assignment Information

* Do not argue anything-- instead summarize and synthesize the content of two separate texts.
* Make sure the essay has an introduction, thesis statement, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
* Be certain each paragraph has a minimum of 6–7 complete sentences.
* Incorporate a total of at least six direct quotations. A minimum of two quotations must come from each of the two chosen essays, as well as the Sociology text.
* Include at least 800 words.
* Give your essay an interesting title.
* Include a properly formatted assignment header.
* Double-space your work.
* Consult with our Dedicated Tutor (or an eTutor) for feedback.