

Pick one of the following topics, and write a 4-5 page essay (no less than 1,500 words), adhering to all requirements of MLA style format. Papers less than 1,500 words, excluding headers and title, will result in an F for the assignment. The word count must be typed at the end of your paper.

MLA format is an English 1A skill. Complete headers on the left, page numbers on top right, one-inch margins on all sides, **12 point Times New Roman font (only), and double-spaced.** You must adhere to the quote format studied in the quote assignment.

### **1. David Goewey “Careful, You May Run Out of Planet”**

Since Goewey wrote this article in 1999, many models of SUV have entered the market, including smaller makes such as the Saturn Vue and larger ones like the Cadillac Escalade and the Hummer line. Study the imagery associated with these newer models in print advertising and on the manufacturers’ Web sites. Then write an essay in which you argue whether Goewey’s position—that SUVs are linked with American frontier mythology—applies to SUVs today.

### **2. Thomas Friedman “Revolution is U.S.”**

Write an argumentative essay that analyzes the validity of Friedman’s five-gas-stations theory of the world. To what extent could Friedman be accused of stereotyping cultural patterns? To what extent could his discussion be considered serious or tongue-in-cheek?

**As you write this paper, use evidence from the texts, whether you are addressing the Goewey topic or the Friedman article, since these assignments are linked to the two readings.**

*Note:* I am looking for a clear effective thesis, focused topic sentences that relate to your thesis and focus your paragraph. Each paragraph should have strong support and detail, with a smooth transition into the next paragraph.

Each sentence should be worded clearly and effectively.

No more than TWO questions allowed in the paper

No more than one spelling or one punctuation error per page

In-text quotes must be formatted correctly (as covered in the quote exercise), and you must clearly explain the significance of the quote in relation to your point in the paragraph and to your paper as a whole.

No use of “I” or other forms of first person. Instead of using words like ‘we’ or ‘you,’ use ‘people.’

Titles must be cited correctly

Headers and page numbers must adhere to MLA format

Use your handbook, and if you are unsure of your writing skills, work the tutors in LARC (located under the 10<sup>th</sup> Street parking garage in SSC 600) or The Writing Center (Clark Hall, 126) before you submit the paper to me.

**February 24: Writing Workshop: Bring two copies of your completed draft, at least 1,500 words. (You will complete two peer reviews and receive two peer reviews).**

*As stated in the syllabus, failure to participate in peer review will result in failure of the assignment.*

**March 3: Final draft of essay due the beginning of class, on less than 1,500 words with drafts and peer reviews attached.**

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