

**Comp 5703  
Fall 2008**

**Information Literacy Assignment: Research and Documentation  
Topic: Multiculturalism/Diversity/Sustainability**

For this assignment, you will research and document material that involve a significant idea from your field of study. You should make sure that it is something you are truly interested in because it will lay the groundwork for what you will carry through into your large project document at the end of the semester. Your final References page will have a **minimum of five citations** of articles, books, or equivalent scholarly or professional materials on it when you are done. Two of these citations will deal with materials that involve the concept of multiculturalism; the definition of what constitutes multiculturalism is detailed below. The two articles or selections from multicultural materials will be **abstracted** according to the instructions you receive in class. The References page will work for almost any research project you might want to examine this semester. *This assignment is integral to your large project document at the end of the semester.*

***I. Choosing Resources/Creating a Reference Page***

Using the library and the instruction that you have received in Information Literacy sessions, you must find and document five resources—two of the resources must deal with some aspect of multiculturalism in your field of study. You will use APA documentation style for the References page.

**Do not use web sites, especially Wikipedia.** Use only electronic resources found in the library research databases, or hardcopy resources. This is not an internet research assignment.

Definition of multiculturalism: 1. Of, relating to, or including several cultures. 2. Of or relating to a social or educational theory that encourages interest in many cultures within a society rather than in only a mainstream [or dominant] culture ([www.bartleby.com](http://www.bartleby.com))

Multiculturalism encompasses ideas and issues related to race, ethnicity, culture and social class. It also assumes that ethnic and cultural diversity enriches a nation of diverse people, and these issues must not only be looked at domestically (within the US) but they must also be examined globally (outside the US). Multiculturalism incorporates issues relating to gender, equity, sexual orientation, disability, and religion—all are areas for examination.

For example, if you are a student in a human services or healthcare curriculum, you might want to find resources that examine issues of equity in healthcare. If you are a student in a computer field, you might want to examine the topic of outsourcing of computer help desks, programming, and information centers to foreign countries. If you are a student in another field of technology, you might want to examine design principles

and constraints for buildings, vehicles, or machines in a developing country. More discussion of possible topics will take place as we work through this assignment.

## ***II. Two Multicultural Articles: Quotations and Parenthetical Documentation.***

You will identify two resources of the total five that focus on some element of multiculturalism. (Their citation will be included in the References page in Part I.)

You will set up an in-text quotation and a block quotation for these two sources by directly quoting from them, and you will use parenthetical citations according to the conventions of APA style. This will result in the following for Part II:

- Multicultural article I—In-text quotation and parenthetical citation
- Multicultural article I—Block quotation and parenthetical citation
- Multicultural article II—In-text quotation and parenthetical citation
- Multicultural article II—Block quotation and parenthetical citation

## ***III. Two Multicultural Articles: Abstracts***

You will use the same two articles for this part of the assignment. Read them, take notes, and create an abstract of each one. You will write an **Informative Abstract** for each article (2).

**If you have found an article in a database that already has an abstract attached, please do not reproduce it as you abstract (this would be considered plagiarism). I will check it.**

Note: We will go over abstracts in class.

### **Guidelines for this Assignment:**

- Use New Times Roman 12, one-inch margins
- Use a header or footer with your name, the number and name of the assignment, and the date of submission on each page.
- Follow the directions above precisely.
- The assignment will be graded in part on correctness in spelling, grammar, punctuation and mechanics
- It will also be evaluated on correctness in APA format

**DUE DATE: Monday, November 3**  
**The late assignment policy applies**  
**LIBRARY INSTRUCTION DATE: Friday, October 10**

**The assignment is worth up to 150 points**