

ESL 106 – Poupard – Spring 2020

Final Writing Exam

For this Final Writing Exam, you will read, summarize, and respond to “Covid-19 Is Making Our Food Waste Problem Even Worse” by Mike Pomranz. In your first paragraph, you will summarize Pomranz’s article. In the next paragraph, you will explain the genre, audience, and purpose of his article. Finally, in the third and final paragraph, you will respond to these questions:

In the title, the author makes a claim: *COVID-19 is making our food waste problem worse*. (Notice that he already assumes that his audience knows and agrees that we have a food waste problem; otherwise, “worse” doesn’t make sense.)

Does the author effectively support that claim? In other words, does he convince you that the food waste situation is worse now? Why or why not? First begin by stating **your overall answer** to that question (either question- they are the same question) in one sentence. Then **explain one point** that he gives to demonstrate how the food waste problem is worse due to COVID-19 (There may be overlap between more than one point, so you can discuss more than one if you need to.) **How does he support that point? Then explain why you are or are not convinced by the point you are highlighting.** These questions should be answered in one paragraph.

Your **Genre**: a summary response essay
Your **Audience** - your professor
Your **Purpose**: to demonstrate that you have read and understood the article, and to demonstrate your critical thinking abilities on this issue.

Content & Organization

- a. In paragraph 1, summarize Pomranz’s article.
 - (1) Follow the organization that I have previously given you.
- b. In paragraph 2, explain what you think the genre, audience, and purpose are. Be sure to support each of your points. For example, if you think the genre is a blog, state that. Then support how you came to the conclusion that it is a blog. If the web address says “blog,” that’s great. Include that. But also give one or two features that the blog contains that you think represent a blog genre. Do the same for the audience and purpose.
- c. In paragraph 3, respond to the questions at the top of this page. Start with one sentence that generally answers the main question. Then explain one point that the author gives. Explain how he supports that point. Then explain why you are or are not convinced by this point. Add a sentence at the end to briefly summarize your evaluation.

Length and Format

This will be about 500 - 700 words. It will be formatted like the expository essays that you wrote previously. However, if you are having computer problems, you can write it on paper, take a picture, and submit your picture. If you do, please write neatly.

Time Schedule

May 22 at 7:00 a.m. Submit your summary response essay to Canvas no later than 7:00 a.m. on May 22. You can submit it earlier if you want.

Grading

This assignment will be graded with class rubric on the blue paper.