

## CITED COMMENTARY & RESPONSE (a synthesis and citations piece)

### PART III – WRITE & CITE

Continue to use “they say/I say” strategies (like in the 4 part notes) to write your commentary and response piece. Use your own powers of analysis to make discoveries, come to conclusions, and share them with your readers. What do you have to say about “it”?

Cite any time you need to because you have quoted, paraphrased, or summarized from an outside source. Be sure to leave plenty of your own thinking on the page (after all, it’s *your* paper). Show smart source use; only quote word for word where it matters—where it’s most effective and where word choice or message needs to be exact. Paraphrase in *your own words*. (Changing just one or two words is NOT a paraphrase.) If you need to omit part of a quote, make clarifications within a quote, or change capitalization within a quote to suit your needs, be sure to use ellipses and brackets correctly.

\*Hint: You may find it easier to first *just write*, then go back and think about where you need to cite. There’s no real order to HOW you accomplish this. Mostly, just be sure to integrate sources and then you can manipulate it to include what’s required.

This assignment is looking for three things:

1. “good” or “effective” writing
2. nice integration of sources with an emphasis on synthesis (how they fit together and how you work back and forth between them—not just in big chunks)
3. perfect MLA citation technique (both in text and on the works cited page)

Bring your draft to WRITE CLUB for a read-through and to get feedback from your group.

(Optional pre-conference sheet to help you prepare for WRITE CLUB feedback. . . .)

YOUR ENTIRE PAPER SHOULD BE NO LESS THAN 2 AND NO MORE THAN 3 PAGES LONG IN STANDARD MLA FORMAT. IT SHOULD HAVE PROPER IN-TEXT CITATIONS AND A WORKS CITED PAGE (WHICH DOES NOT COUNT AS A PAGE OF YOUR PAPER).

### PART IV – SUBMIT A TEACHER-READY DRAFT

After your WRITE CLUB read-through and feedback session, make changes as you’d like to strengthen the writing, citing, etc. Address comments made by your group (or ignore them, it’s *your* paper), and double-check your citations.

BEFORE you submit to Mrs. C, do the following:

- make sure it is MLA formatted & has a proper works cited page
- use the review tab and comment feature to label the times you cited the work of others
  - note whether the item is verbatim (a quote), paraphrased, or summarized
  - note whether the item is with or without author mention (did you mention the original writer in the text?)
  - note what type of source is cited – essay from book source, online article, poem/song from either print source or video, or TED talk from video
- name the document LastnameCCR.docx
- move it to our shared submissions folder