

CONFLICT & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

General Technical Requirements for Written Assignments

All written assignments are expected to satisfy the following:

1. Have a cover page consisting of a completed Commitment to Academic Integrity Form (see page 7 of the syllabus for an example).
2. Be double-spaced.
3. Be written in 12PT, "Cambria" (the default MS Word font), or another similar serif-type font.
4. Have side-margins of 1 inch.
5. Have horizontal alignment that is fully justified.
6. Have no extra space between paragraphs.
7. Have each paragraph begin with a tab indentation.
8. Have the paper's total word count at the top left corner of the title page.
9. Have a descriptive title (see section on title pages below).
10. Have page numbers (see section on page numbering below).
11. Follow the APA-style for (A) in-text citations and (B) the last page's list of all references (see section on citing your sources below).

Yes, this is boring, and yes, it is pedantic. The point of these requirements, however, is to allow me to focus more on the *contents* of your paper and not on your skills (or lack thereof) in design. Besides these should also be trivial to follow when using most word processing software. To help, I have included a template satisfying these requirements on the course website.

Title Pages

For the purposes of this course, your title information should occur at the top of the second page of your paper (after your completed copy of the Commitment to Academic Integrity Form) and consist of (1) your paper's word count, (2) the assignment's name, (3) a descriptive and meaningful title, and (4) your name. The word count should be at the top left, while the rest should be centered. Everything should be single-spaced in the same font, size, and style as the rest of your paper. The following is an example:

Word Count: 503		Troy McClure – 2	
		Reflection Paper #1	
		A Frustrating Conflict With My Sister	
		By Troy McClure	
Since the dawn of time, conflicts have been a pain. In the days of the			

In order to be descriptive and meaningful, the title should give a good indication as to the contents of the paper—and you will have a better idea of this once you complete the paper. So do it last. Feel free to personalize it but do not go crazy.

While a title like "How I Respond to Conflict" is not very exciting, it is perfectly adequate for a reflection paper: it clearly specifies the issue the journal entry will cover. Keep it simple and direct, being clever and witty takes up time better spent completing the assignment.

Page Numbers

Page numbers should appear on the top-right of each page, starting on the second page (i.e., there should be no page number on the cover page with the Commitment to Academic Integrity Form). Page numbers should otherwise be in the same font, size, and style as the rest of your paper, and have your name followed by a hyphen and the page number. The following is an example:

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conflict, like we have today, they are mixed with shredded tobacco. And			

Citing Your Sources

You are required to properly cite all your sources (see page 7 of the syllabus for the academic integrity policy). Do this whenever you find yourself quoting or otherwise using the ideas of another person. Please follow APA-style citation guidelines, keeping in mind that *you must cite all sources, even if you are only putting their ideas into your own words.*

In-Text Citations: When you reference any source, you need to do an in-text citation with (1) the author and (2) the year of publication, as in:

The state of nature is a really bad place (Hobbes, 1651/1668/1994).

If you are directly quoting the source, then please include the page number when available:

"Blame is about judging" (Stone, Patton, & Heen, 2005, p. 74).

If no year of publication is available, use n.d. (for "no date") instead, as in:

Construction regulations are struggling to keep up (Kunji, n.d.).

If no author is credited, use the first few words of the source's title, as in:

He "was an English philosopher". ("Thomas Hobbes", 2016).

List of References: The last page must include a "References" section. For each reference, you need to cite, as they are relevant/available, (1) the author, (2) the date of publication, (4) the chapter, article, or webpage title, (5) the book, periodical, journal, or website title, (6) the volume and issue of publication, (7) book publishing location and publisher, and (8) the URL with date of retrieval. Some examples:

Hobbes, T. (1994). *Leviathan* (E. Curley, Ed.). Indianapolis, IN: Hackett. (Original work published 1651/1668).

Stone, D., Patton, B., & Heen, S. (2010). *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most* (2nd ed.). New York: Penguin Books.

Kunji, J. (n.d.). Building a Culture of Safety in Qatar. *Qatar Under Construction*. Retrieved January 10, 2014, from <http://www.qatarunderconstruction.org/category/articles/building-culture-safety-qatar/>.

Thomas Hobbes. (2016, December 11). Wikipedia. Retrieved December 16, 2016, from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Hobbes.

The course schedule contains the full reference for each assigned text, which should make this process much easier for you, while providing you with lots of examples for additional outside sources that you may use.

Other People: You must also cite ideas coming from classmates, friends, family members, course assistants, the Writing Center, or anyone else.

In-text citations must reference (1) the person whose idea it was, and (2) when you got that idea from them, as in:

Escalation of conflict creates intense emotion (Al-Thani, 2017).

When listing this references, you need to cite (1) the person's name, (2) when you got the idea from them, and (3) how you got the idea from them, as in:

Al-Thani, M. (2017, May 30). [Class notes].

Gray, D. E. (2017, June 4). [Personal conversation].

In addition, you should thank your classmates, friends, and anyone else who assisted with your assignment in an "Acknowledgments" section at the end of the paper. Be sure to say how they helped you. For instance:

Thanks to Sana Tariq from the Writing Center who helped me with my spelling. Thanks also to Mohammed Al-Thani for lending me his course notes. Finally, thanks to Professor Gray for clarifying this assignment's requirements to me during his office hours.

IF YOU ARE EVER UNCERTAIN, PLEASE ASK; DO NOT ASSUME.