

Summer Reading Assignment: ENC1101, Fall 2025

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Your summer reading involves choosing and reading/listening to a speech. You may choose any speech from any speaker from any period of time. Choose one that interests you.



To be successful with this assignment:

- You must obtain a copy of the speech.
- You must also have access to the internet.
- All sources used should be reliable and credible sources. Sources from unreliable sources such as *Wikipedia*, *Sparknotes*, *Shmoop*, etc. will cause you to lose points on this assignment. Sources from universities (.edu) are generally reliable sources.
- Strong and clear writing skills are an expectation with this assignment.

Objective: Students will be able to develop an analytical essay supplemented with research documents. Students will also be able to display their knowledge of the MLA 9 format, as shown in the MLA handbook and on the Purdue OWL website: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Due Date: At the end of the first week of school to Canvas.

Word Count: 1100 words, minimum

The essay MUST be in the MLA 9 format. Visit the Purdue OWL website for examples of this.

Your Task: “Research and Analysis Essay”

Part I: Define the Appeals; using Dictionary.com or another source (Not just your own super-intelligent brain), define Ethos, Logos, and Pathos. You must cite your source in the MLA 9 format. (Minimum of **200 words**)

Part II: Historical Context; research the historical context of your speaker, as in, look at the speaker’s life and consider what may have influenced them to write this speech. It would be helpful to locate a biography in this case. Again, you must cite your source in the MLA 9 format. (Minimum of **500 words**)

Part III: Analysis; read and/or listen to the speech, then identify an example of Ethos, an example for Logos, and an example of Pathos; three examples total. If you struggle finding an example, you may also use non-examples, however, you must then thoroughly explain why these examples do not portray the definitions of Ethos, Logos, and Pathos. Quoting the speech will require in-text citation or lead-ins, visit the Purdue OWL for help with this process. After finding the examples, hypothesize why the speaker used these examples to share their message. In your opinion, were the appeals used effectively? Why or why not? (Minimum of **200 words**)

Part IV: Reflection; how did you feel about this research process? What were your strengths and weaknesses? What did you learn from your previous instructor that you feel helped to prepare you for this assignment? (Minimum of **200 words**)

Part V: Works Cited; you should have a minimum of THREE sources: your speech, your definitions from Part I and the history information from Part II. You must cite all of these on one page, separate from the rest of your essay. If you used additional sources, you must include them on this page. “When in doubt, cite it anyway”.

NOTE: If you improperly cite or do not cite sources, you will have committed plagiarism. Please use the Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) to ensure that you have successfully completed the MLA requirements.