

Essay 1: Exploring Genre

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This assignment asks you to investigate how different genres shape the texts you create and the choices and challenges you must negotiate throughout the writing process. To that end, you have two options for how to approach this project.

Option A: Two Texts, Two Genres

For this option, you will create two texts (two different genres) about your subject of choice. For example, you could write a short story and a newspaper article; a persuasive essay and a poem; a letter and a personal essay.

Option B: Mixed-Genre Approach

For this option, you will create one text about your subject, but you will use at least two different genres in that text. You can look to Gloria Anzaldua's "How to Tame a Wild Tongue" as a model for this option. Again, you can draw on whatever genres appeal to you, but you must integrate them into one text.

For either of these options, you can use any genres/forms that make sense to you and help you explore/write about your subject. But in both cases, you will be expected to describe and explain your choices in your reflective memo for the project.

Whichever option you choose, the subject/focus of your writing is up to you: you can write about any subject that you care about and are interested in writing about.

We will spend time in class brainstorming and discussing possible topics and exploring genre options. You'll also have time in class to work on your projects and to get peer feedback on your progress.

Format & Other Requirements

4 pages, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins

Times Roman font

MLA format (see sample in Blackboard)

Portfolio Contents

In order to be complete, your essay portfolio must contain the following (final essay grade will be docked 2 points for each missing component):

- Rough draft
- Final draft
- Peer Review Worksheets
- Reflective memo (to be written in class when portfolio is turned in)

Each part of the portfolio should have your name on it and be labeled (e.g., rough draft, final draft, etc.).