

**SOC 150 Introduction to Sociology II: Sociological Inquiries
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REFLECTION PAPER (worth 20% of final grade)

Formatting Instructions:

- The font must be Times New Roman size 12.
- The length must be between 3 and 4 double-spaced pages; 1-inch margins.
- Do not place any extra spaces between paragraphs.
- Do not use a title page; simply put your name and student ID on the first line of the first page and then begin the first paragraph of your paper on the very next line.
- Include a reference cited section in ASA format (that is NOT part of the 3-4 page limit).
- Do not use excessive quotes from research articles or other texts. Only use quotes to make an essential point. Aim for no more than 2 direct quotes for the entire paper.

Substantive Instructions:

- Papers must specifically address the following:
 - o What is one concept, theory, research finding, or research method presented in the **assigned research articles** that you found particularly interesting or compelling?
 - o Describe this and include a clear explanation for why you selected this as your focus. Why do you think it is important?
 - o Make at least one clear link to one other concept, theory, research finding, or research method from another different research article. Clearly explain the link or connection between the two—why and how are they related? Explain why this connection is important conceptually, theoretically, or methodologically.

Mark Breakdown:

- (25 points) High quality papers will display a clear, well-organized case.
- (25 points) You should show thoughtful reflection and analysis about the connections between the selected concepts, theories, findings, or methods.
- (25 points) The quality and clarity of your writing matters.
- (25 points) Your paper should show evidence of creativity and critical thinking—this should contribute to the overall excellence of the piece. In other words, you are not simply summarizing points—you should be expressing creativity or critical analysis of the points that you discuss.

Mark deduction for not following the formatting instructions: **10 points.**

Please see the [Research Reflection Paper FAQs](#) for more information.

Information about

the deadlines and resubmission policy is included on the next page as well.

Due Dates:

- We offer three times to submit the paper to provide you flexibility and options. The three deadlines are:

Research Reflection Paper Deadline #1

Wed, March 1 by 5 pm

Research Reflection Paper Deadline #2

Wed, March 15 by 5 pm

Research Reflection Paper Deadline #3

Wed, April 5 by 5 pm

Late penalties:

- We understand that life can get busy, and we endeavor to respect this fact and provide flexibility by offering EVERYONE a 7-day grace period to submit their essay. In other words, we will not deduct late penalties from your paper as long as it is received within 7 days of a paper deadline (no need to email, this is automatically applied to everyone). The grace period end dates associated with each deadline are:

Research Reflection Paper Deadline #1

Wed, March 8th by 5pm

Research Reflection Paper Deadline #2

Wed, March 22nd by 5pm

Research Reflection Paper Deadline #3

Wed, April 12th by 5pm

- After this 7-day grace period, papers lose 10% (2 of the possible 20 points) per day.

Re-submission Policy:

- If you submit a paper for the first or second deadline and are unhappy with the grade you receive, we allow you to submit a NEW paper for the third deadline to let you learn from the feedback on the first paper and try again.
- *Please Note:*
 - o The paper has to be a brand-new paper and not a revision of the paper submitted prior.
 - o If you submit a paper only for the third deadline, then there is no opportunity to re-submit.
 - o Expect it to take two weeks to get your grade back. For example, if you submit for deadline #2 then you should have your grade and feedback by March 29th, and if you submit for the end of the grace period for deadline #2 then you should have it back by April 5th. If you are worried about having your grade in time to decide to write a re-submission paper, then all you need to do is submit a paper for an earlier deadline.