**Short Essay 1**

**Instructions**

This essay should be no more than 500 words. (The topic should have already been assigned by your professor.) Please write your essay on the Essay Submission Form.

**Assignment rubric**

The focus for this assignment is practice in including the most common rhetorical "moves" in an academic essay **introduction** ("establishing territory" etc.). Remember that the main focus here is the introduction section alone, and the strategic use of in-text citation within it - but these sources may not be "real" at this stage.

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| **SCORE****RANGE** | **CRITERIA** |
| 8-10 | In the upper ranges if this scoring bracket, the essay will include all expected moves, and those moves will be clear to the reader. In addition, there will be evidence of a good understanding of how and when to use in-text citation. The highest-scoring essays will also generally be absent of spelling and grammar mistakes. |
| 5-7 | Essays that receive a score in this range will generally have a few mistakes (spelling, grammar, vocabulary, etc.), but will have all the expected rhetorical moves and some demonstration of how to use in-text citation. |
| 2-4 | An essay that receives a score in this range will lack at least one of the expected rhetorical moves and contain no citations. At the lower ranges of this bracket, the essay will also contain a number of spelling and grammar mistakes. |
| 0-1 | Assignment not received (0), handed in too late (0), or no real attempt made (0-1). |

**Checklist**

Use this checklist to help you when you finish your first draft of this assignment.

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|  | *Did you...* |
|  | include an *establishment of territory*, *establishment of niche*, and *occupation of niche*? |
|  | include strategic use of (fake) in-text citation? |
|  | give your essay a title? |
|  | re-read your essay at least twice (on two different occasions)?  |
|  | check spelling? |
|  | perform a lexical profile analysis (see Submission Form)? |