

Essay

HSB 4UI

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This essay will be a case study of a **social challenge** in a culture other than Canada, or a subculture within Canadian society, or a cultural comparison, at a specific time. Your thesis can be based around causes, effects, the extent of the social problem, possible solutions and/or what it tells us about the culture or the society. Focus on how attitudes contribute to the social challenge and/or how and why these attitudes exist, where applicable. Before you choose your subject, you should first make sure there is adequate information available from reputable sources about this topic.

- e.g.'s of possible topics
- * infanticide in India or China
 - * "Marrying Age/ Married Life" Cultural Comparison
 - * The Internet and Society
 - * FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)
 - * suicide in Western Europe
 - * The effect of AIDS on African society
 - * Homelessness comparison in different societies
 - * Same-Sex Relationships in Society- Cultural Comparison
 - * Cloning
 - * Treatment for Mental Illness cultural comparison
 - * Access to Health Care Case Study (cultural, psychological and/or social barriers in a given society)
 - * Facebook and Society
 - * Cultural comparison of euthanasia
 - * Drug Laws : Cultural Comparison
 - * The life and impact of Margaret Mead, Sigmund Freud, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber or Jane Goodall
 - * Role of Religion in Society- Cultural Comparison
 - * Gerontology- Attitudes toward Elders- Cultural Comparison
 - *Sexual Content in the Media
 - * "Designer Babies"
 - * Violence in the Media
 - * Domestic Violence
 - * World Population Trends
 - *Inequality
 - * Mental Illness and stigma

General Requirements

Length: 1500 word minimum (6 double spaced, 12 point font pages)
2500 word maximum (10 double spaced, 12 point font pages)

Resources: a minimum of 4 relevant sources are required, more are preferred and an annotated bibliography is required

Research Stages: see below for details

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Format: APA format (see www.apastyle.org for details)

Final Essay: two copies due on assigned date, in the assigned format.

Evaluation: see package for research stages and attached rubric for final essay

Research Stages

Stage 1	Browse and Skim	/10
	Resources Chart	/10
Stage 2	Annotated Bibliography	/15
Stage 3	Thesis Statement/ Introductory Paragraph	/10
Stage 4	Rough Draft	/10
	Total	/55

Final Essay /100 (see attached rubric for mark breakdown)

Due Dates:

Stage 1 _____
Stage 2 _____
Stage 3 _____
Stage 4 _____
Essay _____

Specific Requirements

Description

An essay at the 4UI level should contain one-third description (what.) This section of your essay should focus upon describing your subject, giving the reader the appropriate background information (rates, theories, statistics, etc.) **appropriately cited.**

Analysis

An essay at the 4UI level should contain approximately two-thirds analysis (why and how.) This section of your paper should focus analyzing your subject, proving your thesis by examining relevant information and specific examples.

Be sure to pick a subject that you are interested in- it will make the whole process much more rewarding for you.