

Mini-Research Papers: Colonialism & Apartheid

This summer's readings all revolve around Colonialism in Africa. Two books specifically deal with Apartheid in South Africa. So, before we read novels set in colonized Africa, you need to learn something about Colonialism and Apartheid.

The Assignment:

Write a one-page research paper answering the following essay question:

What is Colonialism? What are two examples of Colonialism?

Write a separate one-page research paper answering the following essay question:

What was Apartheid in South Africa?

Both of your research papers must have the following:

- a thesis that clearly answers the essay question and appears in your introductory paragraph
- paragraphs that separate major ideas (instead of huge paragraphs that contain no one specific idea)
- proper citation of your sources (i.e. the places where you gathered your research)

How to Complete a Works Cited:

1. Gather the information you need to write a citation (see the information in the box on the next two pages).
2. Arrange the information in the proper MLA format (see below). It must look exactly the same!
3. Make sure you indent after the first line and end with a period.
4. Arrange all of your citations in alphabetical order according to the author's last name. (If you have a citation without an author and you wrote "Author", then that would go in the A's of your alphabetical order.)
5. Make sure your Works Cited section is the last, separate page of your paper and is titled "Works Cited".

Basic format:

Take the information you gathered about your source and arrange it in the same manner as below.

Author's Last Name, First Name. Name of Site. Date of Posting/Revision. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sometimes found in copyright statements). Date you accessed the site <electronic address>.

Examples:

Author. "Caret." Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia. 28 April 2006. 10 May 2006 <<http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Caret&oldid=157510440>>.

Author. "How to Make Vegetarian Chili." eHow.com. 10 May 2006 <http://www.ehow.com/how_10727_make-vegetarian-chili.html>.

Stolley, Karl. "MLA Formatting and Style Guide." The OWL at Purdue. 10 May 2006. Purdue University Writing Lab. 12 May 2006 <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>>.

Practice Works Cited:

Go to the following website: <http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/B/fdouglas/doug04.htm>

Look through the website and fill in the information in the following box:

Author(s) (if no author is listed, then write "Author"):

Name/Title of Site (you might have to go to the homepage):

Name of institution associated with website (check the bottom of the page):

Date Information was Posted (check the bottom of the page):

Date You Visited the Website:

Electronic Web Address (URL): <http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/B/fdouglas/doug04.htm>

Now write out a practice citation for this source in the space below (have Mr. Garcia check for accuracy):

Go back to the websites where you gathered your information for your research paper.
Find the following information:

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Date Information was Posted (check the bottom of the page):

Date You Visited the Website:

Electronic Website Address (URL):

Source #4

Author(s) (if no author is listed, then write "Author"):

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Name of institution associated with website (check the bottom of the page):

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THESIS	Your essay contains a thesis, but it may not be clear or relevant. OR A thesis cannot be found.	Your thesis only partially answers the essay questions.	Your thesis states a clear answer to the essay questions.	Your thesis states a clear and sophisticated answer to the essay questions.
EVIDENCE	You provide no really specific information on the topic.	You provide some specific information, but mostly describe the topic in general terms.	You provide specific information that clearly describes the topic.	You provide highly specific information that clearly and insightfully describes the topic.
QUOTATIONS	You either do not quote the text or improperly drop in entire quotations without having them be a part of a larger sentence.	You sometimes properly quote evidence by introducing the quotation and citing where the information came from.	You consistently quote evidence properly by introducing the quotation and citing where the information came from.	You consistently quote evidence properly by introducing the quotation and citing where the information came from.
WORKS CITED	You do not have a Works Cited section.	Your Works Cited does not follow the proper format.	Your Works Cited follows most of the formatting rules.	Your Works Cited follows all of the formatting rules and is impeccable.
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IF ANY PART OF YOUR ESSAY FALLS BELOW MASTERY, REVISE & RESUBMIT.

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Evidence:	/100	
Quotations:	/100	
Works Cited	/100	
Grammar	/50	
Total:	/400	