

ENG 267  
Multicultural Literature  
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## PROCEDURAL ESSAY

DUE: Thursday 21 March at your scheduled conference  
Email to [aabraham@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:aabraham@cornellcollege.edu)  
Submit the essay as an attachment in Microsoft Word or pdf form  
In the subject line write “ESSAY”

The English word *essay* means to try, to attempt something. For the first writing assignment of the course, you are going to give something a try. By this point, you have read six authors on the subject of colonial or postcolonial history and studies:

- George Orwell
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Aimé Césaire
- Albert Memmi
- Edward W. Said
- Catherine Lynette Innes

Choose TWO of the above and write an essay in which you compare and contrast. Where do the two writers overlap? Where do they differ? What might one have to say to the other? How does one illuminate what the other neglects? Choose wisely. Make sure that the two authors correspond in meaningful ways.

Do not do research. Do not look for what people or bots on the Internet think. (It is not that kind of assignment.) Stick to the words on the page. What are the authors saying? You should quote each author once or twice. Use quotation marks (“ ”) and copy the text precisely. You do not need any citations or footnotes.

This is a “procedural” essay, which means there is no grading, no points deducted. If you simply *try* and do what this page says, you can earn 100 percent of available points.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Use a normal, 12-point font, with serifs, such as Times or Times New Roman.
- Double-space EVERY LINE. Double-space is not single-space or space-and-one-half.  
In Microsoft Word, you should select “2.0.”
- Write in multiple paragraphs. Indent each new paragraph. Do not skip lines.
- Follow the conventions of edited American English unless there is a good reason not to. When in doubt, consult *The Chicago Manual of Style*. There is no better book on the subject of English language usage.
- Maximum length = 1,000 words.
- Meet with the instructor for a thirty-minute conference on Zoom. A sign-in sheet is available (adamabraham.info). Send the essay to aabraham@cornellcollege.edu before your conference begins. If you miss your conference, you earn zero points.
- If you need to reschedule your conference, send an email before the conference begins.
  
- In the upper-left corner of the FIRST PAGE, include the following information:

Your Name

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## SCORING

- The essay is worth 10 points, which is 10 percent of your final grade.
- If you write an essay as delineated above and show up for your scheduled conference, you will earn 10 out of 10 points.
- If you want more guidance, feel free to discuss in class or set an appointment.