

Senior English Writing Assignment: Spheres of Influence



PURPOSE:

To examine your understanding of the Spheres of Influence and their relationship to people's decision making process.

ASSIGNMENT:

Using the Spheres of Influence from class, examine the decision making of both Walter White and Chris McCandless on a sheet of paper write a list of comparisons and contrasts. Then, using the [IIC Essay Model](#), write an essay that explores their motivations and answers the prompt below:

Minding the Gap Intro

Body Paragraph #1 - Chris

Explain how these work together:

Self - Who does he think he is?

Context - What made him that way?

Culture - What stories does he tell himself?

Meta-Narrative - What does he label himself?

Body Paragraph #2 - Walter

Explain how these work together:

Self - Who does he think he is?

Context - What made him that way?

Culture - What stories does he tell himself?

Meta-Narrative - What does he label himself?

Body Paragraph #3

Theme

Connection #1 (comp-cont)

Connection #2 (comp-cont)

Connection #3 (comp-cont)

Lesson to be Learned

What authors want audience to know

know

Why decision making isn't simple

What is Right?

Both Walter White and Chris McCandless feels they are doing what is right. Using the language of the Spheres of Influence, explain how each have arrived at their conclusion, what they might have missed in the process of deciding, and, ultimately answer the question: "What are the consequences of our decisions?"

FOCAL POINTS: (BASIS FOR YOUR GRADE)

1. **SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY** Please use Google Docs and please submit to lcenglishpapers@gmail.com
2. **Organization** Make sure your paragraph follows your thesis
3. **Multiple Voices** Should have several voices from class to answer your questions. Those voices should, at times, confirm your beliefs, and, at others, disagree.
4. **Comparison-Contrast:** The first two body paragraphs will be features (just the facts related to the topics). The third paragraph will examine how the two perspectives difference (make sure you show cause and effect how one thing leads to another)
5. **Thematic** whatever you say the theme is in the Intro, make sure you mention it in the topic sentences of the body paragraph