

## ENG 1101: Composition I | Essay #2 | Summary and Response Letter

**First Draft DUE: Wednesday 3/21** @ beginning of lab  
. bring 2 printed, stapled copies to lab

**Second Draft DUE: Wednesday 3/28** @ beginning of lab  
. bring 2 printed, stapled copies to lab  
. bring previous draft with corrections

**Final Version DUE: Wednesday 4/25** via TBD  
. hand in all drafts with corrections @ beginning of lab

**ASSIGNMENT:** Choose ONE of the following readings to summarize and respond to:

[A] “Is Google Making Us Stupid?” by Nicholas Carr

[B] “The Death of the Book” by Ursula LeGuin

[C] “Black Men and Public Space” by Brent Staples

Your summary and response will be in the form of a letter to the author (starting with “Dear Ms. LeGuin,” for example). In the letter, you will summarize the author’s argument, state whether you agree or disagree with the argument, and then, using your own experiences, explain why. You will need to use *specific* quotes and examples from the text to make your case for or against the author’s claim.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Be sure to give your paper clear structure and logical organization, including a strong thesis statement.

Your essay should be 550-750 words (~2 pgs.), typed, in MLA format (double-spaced, 12pt, Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins).

Your name, my name, the due date, the class with section number, and the assignment should all appear at the top of your first page (NO cover page).

The only outside source you may use for this assignment is the article you are responding to—NO additional sources should be used. No bibliography is required for this assignment.

The essay **MUST** be edited for grammar, typos, and readability; failure to do so will result in deductions from your grade.

Be sure to incorporate ALL corrections from your DRAFTS.

NO late DRAFTS accepted.

Late FINAL versions will be marked down one letter grade each day, and will not be accepted after 3 days.