

This semester, we have read several texts by women that represent women's conditions, their rights, and social limitations for their achievements, some more explicitly and others more subtly. Using Mina Loy's "Feminist Manifesto" as a model, choose one of the other texts we read so far this semester (through Week 5) and **write a feminist manifesto** from the ideas in that text based on the argument you think it makes regarding gender. Then, **write a thesis-driven, example-based justification** for your manifesto using specific passages to prove your argument.

Remember, your manifesto:

- makes bold claims
- uses ideas from the text in your own words
- argues consistently from the point of view of the source text's narrator or one of the characters, as you find appropriate
- keeps to the topics raised in the text, not venturing to personal interests
- can use the space on the page in interesting ways

Also, your justification:

- can be more straightforward, written as an essay
- develops an introductory paragraph that starts with the topic of the justification and ends by establishing a thesis statement,
- supports that thesis statement by focusing on text-based examples in the form of quotations and paraphrasing in an organized structure, using paragraphs to divide distinct but related examples.

Learning Goals: In writing this essay, you will learn to

- analyze literature written by women through thematic consideration;
- respond to two texts, Loy's "Feminist Manifesto" through your choices in writing a manifesto, and one other, through your treatment of the material in your manifesto and justification;
- write a clear argument based on detail-oriented textual evidence;
- quote from and respond to our assigned readings;
- cite quotations parenthetically according to MLA format;
- develop your ability to write with clear, grammatically correct prose.

Writing and Formatting: Your essay should

- be submitted electronically (instructions to follow)
- be approximately **900-1500 words (3-5 pages) total: manifesto: 300-600 words (1-2pages) and justification 600-900 words (2-3 pages);**
- include a title of your own creation for the manifesto and the justification;
- begin with an introduction that names the author and text, and that ends with your thesis statement;
- refer specifically to the text, using quotations and paraphrasing appropriately;
- use MLA citations and a Works Cited page to give credit to the sources you use, whether from our course readings or elsewhere—keep in mind that outside research is neither required nor recommended;
- conform to the grammar, punctuation, and usage conventions of American English;
- make reasonable use of your computer's spelling- and grammar-checking programs;
- uphold City Tech's academic integrity policies to avoid earning a zero for the assignment

Projects will be graded based on your ability to express your understanding of the texts, to choose and integrate relevant examples, to organize your ideas into cohesive arguments, and to follow the instructions outlined here.

Finally, please feel free to meet with me during office hours or make an appointment to meet with me to discuss your essay at any stage of your writing process.

**Optional draft due date: 11 March 2014**

**Due date: 20 March 2014**