

#### Assignment 4

The Civil Rights Movement is one of the defining events of 20<sup>th</sup> century America. *Dissent in America* contains several documents concerning the movement. They will form the basis of your final paper.

Start with the introductory material on Martin Luther King Jr. on page 261. Continue through “The Port Huron Statement” which ends on page 289. The five documents and corresponding introductory material in this selection give insight into several different aspects of the Civil rights movement. Using these documents and any material that you wish to use from the Roark text, **write an essay giving your understanding of the civil rights movement**. You may tailor your essay to any aspect of the movement that you wish. The key to success in the essay is to show a depth of knowledge and understanding of the complexity of the movement and the individuals that participated in it.

Since there are multiple documents in *Dissent*, please cite those documents in this form (**King, *Dissent*, 265**). This would of course refer to Dr. King’s Letter on page 265. Introductory material should be cited as (**Young, 261**). This would refer to the material provided by Young on page 261 of *Dissent*. Any citations for the Roark text should be (**Roark, xxx**) where xxx is the page number. I realize that this is more complex than previous assignments, but I want to exam whether you have learned to read and follow directions.

The paper must be computer printed with a minimum length of two **full** pages and a maximum length of five pages, between three or four pages is ideal. You should use Times New Roman 12 point font double spaced. The top and bottom margins should be 1” and the left and right margins 1.25”. Use a **meaningful title** line for your essay and use a document header similar to the one on these instructions to identify yourself. Use the example for assignment 1, available online, as a model.

The paper will be evaluated as follows: quality of discussion 80%, quality of writing including grammar and form 20%.

The paper is due by the **end of class on Tuesday December 2**. Early papers will be accepted but late papers will not be accepted. Therefore, my advice is to turn in your papers early in case of a “printer problem” or other unforeseen circumstance. No emailed papers will be accepted. I warn you now; I am going to be hard-nosed and unmoving of the deadline for submitting your paper. No exceptions will be granted for any reason.