English 1A Essay #2: Reality (definition essay)

For this module of our class, our texts and discussions have covered a wide array of subjects from the socially constructed notion of gender and justice to communism. Each one of our selected texts takes a relatively unique position on the major problem facing humanity, generally rooted in each author’s individual understanding of the very nature of existence.

**Your task as a writer is to explore how our personal ideologies (including but not limited to political, social, cultural, economic, and religious convictions) shape our approach to identifying and solving problems. For example, how might our personal religious beliefs affect how we understand the way the world works? How does this understanding of the way the world works, which we might loosely refer to our personal reality, guide our decision-making? Using two of our readings from the current module as evidence. What does reality *mean*? Do people really have fundamentally different views of reality? Is our definition of reality itself a purely human/social construct?**

**Choose two of the readings from this module forward (King, Marx, Butler, and Plato) to use as your “expert” sources. You must also use the movie we will watch in class next week in a meaningful way.**

Requirements:

4 page minimum length (does not include works cited page)

12 pt. Times New Roman font

MLA style throughout, including a complete and correct works cited page

Heavy analysis (no summary)

No “five paragraph” essays

See semester schedule for draft due dates.

Note: Missing any stage of the draft process due to absence or failure to bring a complete draft will result in a 10% reduction in your essay #2 grade for each missed stage.