

Honors English II: Gender Discrimination

Directions

In her book *We Should All Be Feminists*, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie argues that:

“Gender as it functions today is a grave injustice. I am angry. We should all be angry. Anger has a long history of bringing about positive change. But I am also hopeful, because I believe deeply in the ability of human beings to remake themselves for the better.”

Despite undeniable progress for women’s rights, there are still many issues of gender discrimination that plague the people of the United States and the world. Your task is to identify a contemporary issue of gender discrimination and construct an argument about it. You may take any side of the issue as long as your response is a thoughtful examination of an issue related to discrimination based on gender.

Synthesize at least five sources of evidence into a well-developed argument about an issue of contemporary gender discrimination. Your response should be a concession or boomer, not just a three-part list.

Your essay should focus on your perspective and not just summarize the sources.

You should write at least 900 words and no more than 1500 in your response.

Requirements

- Please submit a typed response that uses a legible 12-point font, 1” margins, a double-spaced body, and a simple single-spaced header. Your essay needs to be shared with me at dpogreba@gmail.com by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25.
- Your response should include both an introduction and conclusion, both of which should be short and direct, but good and STAMPY.
- Make sure to follow all MLA formatting and rules for citation.
- Include two naysayers.
- You need to have at least 5 sources and a combination of at least 8 quotes and paraphrases. No more than 15% of the paper should be quotes and you should keep quotes to a sentence or less.
- Make sure that at least two of the paragraphs use the two-part structure we have learned for synthesis response.
- Do not plagiarize!

Tips

- Have a well-developed thesis that you stick with. Organization is paramount.
- Remember the paragraph structure we discussed for the death penalty and Confederate essays. If each body paragraph has two main ideas, it will be much easier to write the piece.
- Focus on a few things in this essay:
 - An engaging introduction.
 - A strong thesis statement that suggests a concession.
 - Incorporating specific details into your paragraphs to give them power and interest.
 - A strong conclusion.