Sociology 1

*Chapter 2 - Comparing Cultures Essay*

**Option 1:**

* You will pick one “Western” culture and one “Non-western” culture (that we haven’t discussed in class. Those of you who completed extra credit on a culture need to pick and research a new one.)
* For each culture you will list values, symbols, language, technology and norms (folkways, mores, and laws).
* You will also explain any significant cultural patterns and at least one complex with at least three traits.
* You will also explain any subcultures or countercultures that have emerged in these cultures.

**Option 2:**

* You will choose an era of American History and compare and contrast that era’s culture to contemporary American culture (i.e. Prohibition era, 1950’s, Colonial era, etc.)
* For each culture you will list its values, symbols, language, technology, and norms (folkways, mores, and laws).
* You will also explain any significant cultural patterns and at least one complex with at least three traits.
* You will also explain any subcultures or countercultures that have emerged in these cultures.

**Sources**

* Use ONLY reputable websites, .org, .edu, .gov, **WIKIPEDIA IS NOT ACCEPTABLE**
* Must cite at least THREE sources alphabetically and in MLA format. Please make and attach on a separate page (use easybib.com to create).
	+ Smith, John. "Aborigines in the Modern World." *Australia in History*. N.p., 4 Sept. 2013. Web. 11 Sept. 2013.

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| **Amount of Information**  | Paper includes comparisons, differences, reasons for being alike or different, with a solid intro and conclusion.  | Paper includes some comparisons, differences, reasons for being alike or different, with a solid intro and conclusion.  | Paper is missing one major part of the paper, or there is not enough support for the information.  | More than one part was not addressed.  |
| **Organization**  | Layout of paper follows all of the guidelines.  | Layout of paper follows most of guidelines.  | Layout of the paper is missing most guidelines.  | Layout follows none of the guidelines.  |
| **Mechanics**  | No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.  | Almost no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors  | A few grammatical spelling, or punctuation errors.  | Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.  |
| **Sources**  | All sources are accurately documented in the desired format.(MLA)  | All sources are accurately documented, but a few are not in the desired format. (MLA)  | All sources are accurately documented, but many are not in the desired format. (MLA)  | Some sources are not accurately documented. (MLA)  |
| **Paragraph Construction**  | All paragraphs include introductory sentence, explanations or details, and concluding sentence.  | Most paragraphs include introductory sentence, explanations or details, and concluding sentence.  | Paragraphs included related information but were typically not constructed well.  | Paragraphing structure was not clear and sentences were not typically related within the paragraphs.  |

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