

Writing Assignment (100 points)

This assignment is intended to prepare you for your exam essays, of which you will write three this semester. Our goal is for you to have a better sense of the instructors' expectations and to identify early on those issues that will demand your attention on the exams themselves.

Below, you will see three questions. Choose ONE of these to which you will respond in a paper of ONE PAGE (250-300 words). As you prepare your answer, keep the following in mind:

- Be sure that what you have written actually answers the question posed. Now read that sentence again. And once again. A strong topic sentence (or thesis) is essential.
- Be certain to include supporting evidence from the document(s) themselves. (Which documents you use depends on the question you choose to answer). In-text parenthetical citations are fine—for example: (Locke, 22).
- There is no need for an introductory or concluding paragraph, since this is a ONE-PAGE assignment.
- Use standard 12-point font and 1-inch margins.
- Submit your brief essay by the due date (11.59 PM on 12 September) using Turnitin, as instructed by your TA.

In one page, answer ONE of the following prompts:

1. In the *Second Treatise on Government*, John Locke discusses limits on legislative power. Why does he regard these limits as being necessary?
2. After establishing a set of principles that limit legislative power, Locke raises the question of what should happen if these limits are violated. In Locke's discussion on tyranny, how does he answer this question?
3. In terms of its content, how is the *United States Declaration of Independence* similar to and different from both the *English Declaration of Rights* and the *Second Treatise on Government*?