This week you start on your first writing assignment. Please be aware that I require an introduction and an accompanying thesis that ties all the questions in the assignment together. The best way to approach this is to use a thesis with this in mind, "how is the art is relevant today and what it means to me when I compare and contrast it to my own life experiences". You may create a different thesis if you wish but this is what the class is about for most of the assignments in this course.

Also, be aware that I utilize a 40/60 in-text citation approach. 40% of the paper uses sources and 60% of your paper uses your own words thoughts and ideas based on your thesis. I already know the answers to the questions, what I don't know is how you feel and think about the artwork as it relates to your life.

***Homework Policies***

1. ALL major essays/papers 700 words or more, MUST have a minimum of 2 outside references.
2. Intellectual property (in-text & references) is to be 40% or less and is represented with proper use of quotes and paraphrasing standards.
	1. *i.e. 700-word paper equals 300 words from sources & 400 words are yours (your thesis).*
	2. Papers with missing in-text citations or proper references **per** quoted, and/or paraphrased sources will be

returned for rewrites with late point penalties

1. The UoP material MAY NOT be use an outside source such as Wikipedia, Dictionary.com, or any other general dictionaries or encyclopedias.
	1. In addition, only one of the references may be a website.
	2. Otherwise, sources need to be academic journal articles, books, etc.

i. The UoP library is an excellent source for materials of this nature.
4. Papers ran through TURNITIN (plagiarism checker) by instructor may not have more than 25% similarity report.

1. Papers with more than 25% will be returned for rewrites with late point penalties
2. Papers that receive a similarity report of 50% or more will be considered plagiarized and will be reported as such to the school and receive a permanent zero (0) for the assignment.
3. It is recommended to run your papers-TURNITIN (plagiarism checker)-before final submission

Assignment Rubric

Organization

* Contains an introduction
* Contains a thesis statement
* Contains a body with proper level of in-text citations *(zero to limited in-text citations will be returned for rewrites)*
* Contains images, graphs or tables Contains a conclusion
* Contains a reference page *(missing reference pages will be returned for rewrites)*

Content

* The introduction provides a sufficient background information on the topic and previews major points.
* The thesis is clearly stated and logical and relevant to the content.
* Major points are presented clearly in the body and are supported by specific details, examples, or analysis with appropriate tone.
* Intellectual property is 40% or less and is represented with proper use of quotes and paraphrasing standards. *(i.e. 700-word paper equals 300 words from sources & 400 words are yours.)*
* The conclusion is logical and reviews the major points from the introduction and the body of paper.
* Reference page contains at least two sources, one of which must be from the Phoenix University Library

Mechanics

* Title Page and Headings are formatted to APA standards. Sentences are complete, clear, concise, and varied.
* Paragraph transitions are present, logical, and maintain the flow throughout the paper.
* Proper use of spelling, grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed.
* In-text citations are formatted to APA standards. Reference page is formatted to APA standards.
* ***Writing Standards***The ***American Psychological Association (APA) 6th Edition Publication Manual****,* will serve as the primary reference materials