

English 1101 Project 2: A Shift in Position

This project asks you to *choose one specific experience from Project 1* and explain how it altered your feelings about an issue, idea, or belief. In the “Before” section of the project, you will write about your thoughts/ideas/actions/behaviors BEFORE the experience. In the “During” section, describe the specific experience in detail. Then, in the “After” section, describe the impact this experience had upon your thoughts/ideas/actions/behaviors.



Project 2 will have three parts: before, during, and after. Part 1 (Before) should be at least 3 full pages (*approx. 675 words*), Part 2 (During) should be at least 2 full pages (*approx. 450 words*), and Part 3 (After) should be at least 5 full pages (*approx. 1125 words*).

The possibilities for this project are as wide as your experiences. Choose to write about something that is important to you and that has played a major role in shaping who you are and how you think. Remember, if it is boring for you to write, it is boring for your audience to read!

You'll have a lot of flexibility in this project. You can write from multiple perspectives and in different forms/genres. You can also include **multimedia components** such as music, video, images, etc.

Consider the choices you will make while composing Project 2.

You might choose to write in a **first-person perspective** (I, me, us) or a **third-person outside perspective** (he, she, they). You might choose to format your Project into one

coherent **narrative**, detailing the memory, the personal shift that took place, and how this impacted your beliefs, thoughts, and perspectives. You might choose to adopt **different voices**; how did your voice/thoughts/ideas sound before this shift took place and then how did they sound following the shift? Should you write in **past tense** in some parts? **Present tense** in others? The choices you make should be **purposeful** and **meaningful**. Like an artist, make choices that will have the effect you want your writing to have. Feel free to run other ideas by me.



The details...

- ξ This project must be at least 10 full pages total (about 2250 words). Refer to the length requirements of each section as listed above.
- ξ **Follow MLA style** for this paper. (Double-spaced, Times New Roman size 12 font, MLA heading, 1-inch margins on all sides) Refer to the sample MLA paper on Blackboard or in your *MHH*.
- ξ Be sure to include a creative, appropriate title for your project.
- ξ Refer to the specific Project 2 rubric for how this writing will be evaluated.
- ξ Due dates:
 - Thursday, July 19: Draft 1 due in class; at least 6 pages completed
 - Peer review: bring 3 printed copies of your draft (single-spaced is fine)
 - Tuesday, July 24: Draft 2 due on Blackboard; at least 8 pages completed
 - Monday, July 30: No Class; I will meet with each student individually to discuss Project 2 Draft 2
 - Wednesday, August 1: Draft 3 (at least 10 pages) due on Blackboard before class time

Save all drafts of your project because you will need to post it to your e-Portfolio.