

Final Reflection Essay
Assignment Sheet
10% of final grade

Overview:

In this short (500-750 word) reflection you will revisit your personal reflection from your exam and consider how your ethical perspective(s) have shifted over the course of the semester.

Further Details:

A key learning objective for Ethical Reasoning in Context (ERC) courses asks students to “identify or critically evaluate their own ethical views.” We have spent the semester reading longer novels and discussing globalization and its related issues, so it is worth revisiting your initial explanation of your ethical stance.

In this lower-stakes assignment, you will create a response to your initial reflection in the exam. Have the readings this semester changed your view of the ethics of globalization you discussed in your reflection? If so, what have you learned that has made you reevaluate your attitudes? (Alternatively, has your ethical perspective changed due to events outside of the classroom?) If your beliefs have not shifted, explain how engaging with the assigned texts—as well as your work for other classes and your understanding of global current events—have further deepened your specific stance.

This reflection essay can be quite straightforward: you are not required to craft a personal narrative with a clear story arc (if you wish to do so, that would be fine). Regardless of the structure of your reflection, please include specific examples from the ethics texts or the assigned novels to support your argument.

Skills Developed:

1. Critical thinking and self-awareness
2. Narrowing the scope of the topic and articulating a clear argument
3. Supporting claims with specific evidence or examples
4. Employing conventions of academic writing, including paragraph structures and fluid prose

Mechanics:

500-750 words, double spaced, with 1” margins all the way around

12-point Times New Roman font

Written in clear prose that a general reader can easily understand

Use of the first person *is* acceptable in this narrative

No outside sources required, but any sources referenced must be cited in MLA format both in-text and in a Works Cited page

Intended audience: this course (your classmates and instructor, although Prof. [redacted] will be the only person reading this paper); please be sure to explain anything that is not considered common knowledge