

Mr. Francis
American Literature II

Traditions Response

Loosely applied, the word tradition can refer to anything from a daily habit to a sacred ritual. For this response paper, please address the nature and significance of the role traditions play in your life.

The central thematic idea for this particular iteration of American Literature II considers rejecting traditions. The texts and ideas we will address seek to change an audience's outlook regarding social, intellectual, political, literary, or other conventions.

Traditions fall under many categories, including personal, familial, social, ethnic, religious, political, geographical. Decide which you confront most often.

My prompt, its premise, and its hook are deliberately general, due to its intended role as an inspiration for a broad group of students. I expect your titles, hooks, and responses to be far more specific and personalized. As this is considered a personal essay, students are discouraged from starting with a quotation (consider your ideas--not the words of someone else). Furthermore, students are encouraged to construe this as an opportunity to establish a blueprint for a future college essay.

You do not need to address each category of traditions; instead, you should focus on the one(s) that have the greatest immediacy in your life.

Length guideline: 200-350 words. Do not exceed two pages. All submissions must be double-spaced with a Courier New font and one-inch margins all around.

Your response will be assessed pass/fail, based on how adequately and appropriately it addresses the prompt. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please upload to turnitin.com by 7:59 a.m. on the assigned due date.

Students are expected to be able to complete this assignment without consulting on-line or printed resources. You may elect to discuss the topic with family members, your classmates, other friends or peers. Questions about how to cite sources, etc. should be directed to Mr. Francis. Any assistance in completing this assignment should be noted in your declaration. I will not tolerate academic dishonesty.