

POSITION PAPER #1

due BY Friday Oct 12 (early = extra credit!)

*Please take a position on **one** of the following questions:*

Are voter-ID laws necessary and/or Constitutional?

To what extent do political parties foster democracy in America?

The first step in writing a strong position paper is to CREATE YOUR OWN THESIS (POSITION) STATEMENT that reflects your opinion. Original thesis statements are instrumental in writing ANY good paper. See links to writing a great paper.

This assignment will count as a major assessment.

Your essay should be about 3 typed pages (12 pt font, double spaced, 1" margins) and NOT be written in the first person.

Consider our class discussions, articles read (which you may use as references), etc.

You may use any article linked on the class website (more to come!) as a resource.

DO NOT FORGET TO CITE SOURCES WHEN APPROPRIATE, AND INCLUDE A LIST OF SOURCES CITED

Regardless which question you choose, your paper should:

- address the history/background of the issue
- provide EVIDENCE to substantiate your position (thesis)
- acknowledge the other side of the issue

STAY TUNED FOR RUBRIC—please consult and attach with paper

*please see/email me if you wish to take a position on the question: Is America a plutocracy?

Have fun!