

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

1. The paper must be typed.
2. Do NOT include a title.
3. Place your name, date, and course and section numbers in the **header** of the paper on **one** line.
4. Make sure to save your paper with the following file name:
[your last name] Paper 4.
Example: Bohorquez Paper 4.
5. **You must submit your paper in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word. If I have difficulty reading your paper because of the format in which it was submitted, I will consider your paper as not submitted.**
6. Submit this as an attachment to Eagle Online. **I will not accept hard copies or e-mail submissions of your paper.** Make sure that you know how to and can submit to Blackboard before the deadline.
7. **You must also have at least 2 relevant and explanatory quotes from the primary texts with which we have worked.**
8. When referring to texts please use parenthetical citations in MLA format. Look at this link to see how to properly format in-text citations: [MLA](#).
9. The length of the paper MUST be at least the minimum, but you can go over the maximum by a *reasonable* amount. When determining word count do NOT include footnotes or endnotes. Only use words in the body of the paper toward word count. Click on the following link for information on setting up word count on MS Word: [Word Count](#)
10. Make sure to include a Works Cited page. Look at this link for info on how to format and what to include in a [Works Cited](#) page.
11. Also, make sure to include the Grading Criteria table at the end of your submission. You can download and copy and paste the table using the file that is in Eagle Online. (Ask me if you can't easily find it.)

Write a 500 to 750-word response to the topic below. This assignment is due Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 11:59 pm. Submit this to Canvas Eagle Online.

Rousseau explains in the Preface and the preamble of Part 1 that the state of nature that he describes in the Discourse on the Origin of Inequality is "...a state which no longer exists, which perhaps never existed, which probably never will exist, and yet about which it is necessary to have accurate notions in order to judge properly our own present state." Later, he adds that we should, "...begin by putting aside all the facts, for they have no bearing on the question." Provide an explanation of Rousseau's argument that he doesn't have to provide a historically accurate description of the state of nature. Also, considering the historical, anthropological, and evolutionary dubiousness of his description of the state of nature, provide your assessment (with explanation for your position) of Rousseau's success at proving the origin of inequality in society.

The following is the grading rubric I will use to assess your paper:

Grading Criteria

A zero is assessed in each category for absence of any discussion of the relevant category. Mere mention of an issue does NOT count as discussion of it. In each category, poor performance is assessed the lowest score; adequate performance the second score; and excellent performance the highest score.

Did you provide a clear explanation of the purpose behind describing the state of nature?	0, 3, 6, 9	
Did you effectively explain Rousseau's argument for not needing a historically accurate description of the state of nature?	0, 3, 6, 9	
Did you provide a clear explanation for your assessment of Rousseau's argument for the origin of inequality?	0, 3, 6, 9	
Did you clearly identify your position relative to the assignment, i.e., clear thesis?	0, 1, 2, 3	
Did you provide relevant textual support?	0, 1, 2, 3	
Did you provide clear and tenable explanations of textual evidence?	0, 1, 2, 3	
Writing mechanics*	0, 1, 2, 3	
TOTAL	out of 39	

*I consider the following for this part of your grade:

- * Is your paper the specified length of the assignment?
- * form (appropriateness for assignment);
 - Does your paper have an intro, sufficient body paragraphs, and a conclusion?
- * organization (order of paragraphs, central idea of each paragraph);
- * language (appropriate to the topic, assignment, discipline);
 - Is your paper generally free of grammatical and spelling mistakes and typos?
 - Is the style of writing appropriate to this kind of paper?
 - Are your quotes adequately and correctly cited?
- * discussion (establishing connections between focus, evidence, and your own ideas);
 - Do you consistently and clearly explain how each issue or topic relates the prior or following issues and the rest of the paper?

100 Pt Scale	Letter Grade	Rubric Points
100-93	A	39 – 38
92-90	A-	37 – 36
89-87	B+	35 – 33
86-83	B	32-31
82-80	B-	30-29
79-77	C+	28-27
76-73	C	26-22
72-70	C-	21-18
69-67	D+	17-14
66-63	D	13-9
62-60	D-	8-5
59	F	4-0