

## 2021 Fall Semester UCOL 1523: Gateway to Belonging at OU

### Grading Description for Student Written Assignment:

#### Understanding our Collective Experiences and Group-Level Belonging in Oklahoma

##### Overview of Assignment:

What is the meaning and experience of belonging in our nation, our state, and in our local communities? Who belongs and why? You will view selected media, such as *Understanding Oklahoma* with commentaries by expert, OU scholars to help you explore challenges to cultural fluency along with critical moments in the struggles of various communities for inclusion and rights, particularly here in Oklahoma. Then, students will select a current representation of Oklahoma, such as *Reservation Dogs* on Netflix, *The Legacy of Black Wall Street* from OWN spotlight, *The Pioneer Woman Cooking & Lifestyle* TV show on the Food Channel, or Newell Coaches of Miami, OK featured on *Extreme RVs* TV Show to compare the current understanding of Oklahoma to the past.

- The purpose of this writing assignment is to provide you with an opportunity to connect yourself with the readings, documented civil discourse, and activities covered in the Gateway to Belonging at OU course. For this assignment, each student will prepare a written report that answers the designated questions in paragraph/sentence form.
- For this assignment, each student will prepare a typed report, limited to 7 pages, including a title page and reference page., using APA format or a style format preapproved by your course instructor.
- The topic you choose for this assignment must be indicated in advance and approved by the instructor.
- You must create an original, written report that summarizes key past and present elements of the group.
- The written report should explain why you selected the group.
- The written report should identify TWO applicable concept, term, toolbox idea, or theory from the readings that relates to the main message of your selected activity, meeting, or event.
- The written report should convey your thoughts and ideas, satisfy the information needs of the assignment, as well as provide clear, correct, and concise coverage of two, selected course related topic.
- The reports are due during Week 11 (Nov. 04 – 05, 2021) of the 2021 fall semester.
- On the due date, please upload and submit a copy of your FINAL written report via the course website.
- The total contribution of this assignment to your final grade is 75 points or 15% of total grade.

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The student slide presentation will be evaluated on the following specific criteria:

1. **Title Page:** Prepare a title page with the title for your written report on one line, your first and last name on one line, the course name and term on the same line, the date on one line, your course instructor's first and last name, and a wallet size, headshot photo that clearly features your face.
2. **Recap OK's Past:** Provide an accurate summary of the *Understanding Oklahoma* historical clips and commentaries.
3. **Recap OK Today:** Identify your selected and approved, current media representation of Oklahoma. Provide an accurate summary of the program.
4. **Topic Statement:** Explain TWO specific topics that you want to compare from the past to the present media pieces. The chosen topics need to relate to specific concepts covered in the course. Define and describe them according to the required course readings and assigned materials.
5. **Relevance:** Explain how this understanding of collective experiences affected your sense of group-level Belonging at OU.
6. **Effectiveness:** Address in your report, how effective and ineffective the selected past and present media presentations capture your chosen group's experience in Oklahoma...
  - a. What aspects did you find particularly effective and why? What aspects of it did you find ineffective and why?
  - b. You must include **both** the effective and ineffective aspects of **both** past and present productions.
7. **Conclusion and Reference page:** Wrap-up your report with a "Something to think about" paragraph. Prepare a reference page that includes all copyrighted resources and citation included in the written report.
8. **Quality:** Quality of writing style, proper grammar, correct spelling, formatting, and general proofing for errors. Upload and submit a copy of your FINAL set of written report via the course website.

#### How to succeed on this assignment:

- Start EARLY! DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE ASSIGNMENT IS DUE TO BEGIN IT!
- Look over the options for topics and find the media that interests you. Leave yourself time to watch and reflect on it.
- Write an outline before starting the report, make notes after watching the media, write and revise in small chunks.
- Proofread and seek assistance, during posted office hours offered by your course instructor.
- Evaluate your written report for clarity of concepts, visual appeal, and thorough attention to details.
- Complete ALL the grading metrics (see separate scoring sheet) and submit your report by the deadline.