Essay Assignment Instructions

There are two writing assignments in the course. The essay writing assignments are to develop a 4-6 page (Times Roman, 12pt font, double-spaced) analyses of a homeland security-related issue. Reference pages are not included in overall page length. Detailed instructions for each writing assignment are contained in Weekly Assignments. Outside research for all assignments is required and can be obtained from the EKU Libraries' Homeland Security LibGuide at http://libguides.eku.edu/homelandsecurity. Essay Assignments will be graded using the Writing Rubric uploaded to Blackboard under Course Documents.

Week Two and Week Four Essay Assignment

Week 2 DRAFT Essay Assignment (25 points) and Week 4 FINAL Essay Assignment:

Provide a written analysis (essay), using the critical thinking writing core process, to answer the following question, "Why is there such a debate surrounding the USA Patriot Act?"

The essay writing assignment is to develop a 4-6 page (Times Roman, 12pt font, double-spaced) analyses of the question above. Reference pages are not included in overall page length. An abstract page not required. There are no right or wrong answers, rather I will be looking for how well you support your argument. The material for the paper should come from the assigned readings, class discussions and outside research. The four sections highlighted below are required. Please see the required template in your course documents.

Introduction
This section is where you will lay out for the reader your question at issue you intend to address, present your thesis statement (recommended answer to the question or solution to the problem), and communicate the main points you will be presenting in the body of the paper.

Body of the Paper
This section should be a well organized argument (analysis) based on facts and logic. The section should clearly follow the outline you constructed (please see the 'Critical Thinking Writing' document located in your course documents). A good method to follow is SEE-I by Nosich (see course documents for a review of SEE-I).

Conclusion
This section should simply summarize the question at issue, thesis statement and main points. I should have a clear sense of the logic of your paper.

References
The paper must follow APA Publication Manual (6th Edition) guidelines and be free of typographical, spelling and grammatical errors. A minimum of five references from outside research must be provided. Only two of these references may come from Internet sources. At least three references must come from items accessed through the EKU
Libraries’ online databases or print sources (books, journals, periodicals, newspapers, etc.). A guide for using the latest APA Publication Manual is located at
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

This assignment will be graded using the EKU Written Communication Rubric uploaded to Blackboard under Course Documents.

**Week Five and Week 7 Essay Assignment**

Week 5 DRAFT Essay Assignment (25 points) and Week 7 FINAL (100) Essay Assignment:

Provide a written analysis (essay), using the critical thinking writing core process, to answer the following question, *“How best should the US protect its borders?”*

The essay writing assignment is to develop a 4-6 page (Times Roman, 12pt font, double-spaced) analyses of the question above. Reference pages are not included in overall page length. An abstract page not required. There are no right or wrong answers, rather I will be looking for how well you support your argument. The material for the paper should come from the assigned readings, class discussions and outside research. The four sections highlighted below are required. Please see the required template in your course documents.

**Introduction**

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**Conclusion**

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