

Community Action Plan

This semester you will write a problem-solution essay in the form of a “Community Action Plan.” The components of the essay include:

1. **Introduction** – In 300 words, describe the main problems you’ve noticed in your neighborhood. Consider the conversation we had in class after the Michelle Alexander video. Include your thesis statement in this section.
2. **Summary** – Write a 300-word summary of what solutions you brainstormed with your classmates. Refer to your notes (pictures of the board) to review the solutions that were created. Create a topic sentence that overviews the solutions.
3. **Action Plan** – This is the fun part! Now, write a 300-word action plan paragraph. In this paragraph, describe specific and concrete actions you could take to solve *at least* one of the problems mentioned in either your introduction or your summary. Create a topic sentence that sums up your action plan.

Since this essay is unique in that it has three distinct parts, you may use your creativity in organizing these parts. For instance, you may wish to use subheadings or roman numerals for each section. However, the essay itself must still include a thesis and topic sentences. Also maintain the following components of MLA format:

1. Double-spaced text
2. 12-point, Times New Roman font
3. A header in the top left corner
4. Page numbers
5. A title
6. 1-inch margins