

Mrs. Martin
AP European

Summer Reading Assignment 2009-2010

1. Obtain a copy of *Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe* by Peter Burke.
2. Read *Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe* by Peter Burke.
3. Write a 4-6 page paper addressing the following topic. This may be structured as a five paragraph essay.

Briefly, analyze Burke's understanding of popular culture in early modern Europe, then compare or contrast at least three areas of culture (as described by Burke) with modern U.S. culture.

*In order to do this you will need to define popular culture then analyze the functions, manifestations, and changes in popular culture according to Burke. Next you will compare or contrast Burke's model with your observations about the modern US.

-Use specific examples to illustrate similarities or differences. i.e. Burke discusses "blood sport" and violence in popular culture can this be compared to the level of violence in the video game *Grand Theft Auto*? Burke also discusses the "carnavalesque" or "world turned upside down" is this in any way like the *Jerry Springer Show* or other reality TV programs? Be sure to clearly explain your comparisons or contrasts.

*Please note- outside research is not necessary it is appropriate to rely exclusively on Burke and common cultural knowledge in the U.S. for information. If any other sources are used a Works Cited must be attached and citations will need to signify author as well as page number.

4. Papers must be in MLA format; typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, pagination with author's last name in upper right hand corner, MLA Works Cited (if applicable), with cover page. Please cite page number where information is taken from.

*For example information used to support your thesis taken from page thirty-four of Burke should have the page number within parentheses followed by a period (34).

5. A typed rough draft for peer review will be due on the first day of class and is worth 50 points. Papers will then be revised for a possible 100 points.

Format _____/20

- _____ Typed
- _____ Double Space
- _____ 12 point font
- _____ 1-inch margins
- _____ Cover Page
- _____ Four to six pages in length
- _____ Pages numbered with author's last name in upper right hand corner
- _____ Does not use: Rhetorical questions, stuff, thing(s), good, bad, abbreviations, contractions, I, you, me, we, us etc.
- _____ Paragraphs are a minimum of five sentences long
- _____ Correct spelling, grammar, and language usage
- _____ Minimum one citations per body paragraph
- _____ Internal Citations Format- use for direct quotes and paraphrased information
- _____ Long Quotations if used -over four lines: single-spaced, indented on both sides
- _____ **Works Cited (if applicable):** Alphabetical order by authors last name with hanging indent
Author's last name, first. Title of Book. Location: Publisher, Year.
Author (if available) Last name, first. "Title", Date of publication or last updated.
Date you visited the site. Complete URL http://followed by the entire address

Content: _____/80

- _____ Connections, examples, analysis is/are insightful and original
- _____ Statements are factual/accurate
- _____ Portions of the paper are equally supported with details
- _____ Ideas presented are logical and persuasive as evidence

Introduction

- _____ Broad idea connecting to the topic or mention of the era
- _____ Reference a specific historical event or significance
- _____ Well developed thesis statement (with minimum of three parts)
- _____ Thesis relates to assigned topic

Body Paragraphs

- _____ Parts of the paper match the thesis in content and order
- _____ Multiple part well supported argument is made to support thesis
- _____ Each body paragraph contains a clear topic sentence
- _____ Internal transition between topics exist
- _____ Each part of the argument refers to both Burke and modern U.S.
- _____ Analysis of Burke's ideas
- _____ First area of culture compared or contrasted to modern U.S. culture
- _____ Second area of culture compared or contrasted to modern U.S. culture
- _____ Third area of culture compared or contrasted to modern U.S. culture
- _____ Specific information -i.e. multiple supporting examples within each body paragraph are consistently used to support each part of the argument
- _____ Analysis within the body paragraphs clearly connects the past and present, and relates to the thesis (Explains how the evidence proves contention or why the evidence is relevant)

Conclusion

- _____ Insightful and original summation of the argument
- _____ Includes analysis/significance of the topic
- _____ Rephrases thesis