ENG 110

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Take Home Formal Essay #2: Summary and Evaluation (2 pages, 12 pt font, double spaced)

For this essay, you will write a summary and evaluation of “The Next Environmental Revolution,” which is the introduction to the book *Welcome to Your World* (available on the “Readings” page of the course website). This essay is worth 100 points, or 10% of your final grade.

Sample Essay Outline:

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Paragraph 2: Summary

Paragraph 3: Evaluation

Paragraph 4: Conclusion

**Introduction:** Your **first paragraph**, or **introduction**, should begin by introducing the broader topic under consideration in “The Next Environmental Revolution.” It should indicate to us why this topic is important or interesting and why we should care about it. **You should use a template from Chapter 1 of *They Say, I Say* to introduce the topic** under consideration in “The Next Environmental Revolution.” Remember that the introduction should not include a summary of the essay; the summary will come in the next paragraph. Instead, this paragraph should introduce the questions of design and the environment that “The Next Environmental Revolution” is about.

**Summary:** Your first **body paragraph** should summarize Goldhagen’s **arguments**, **supporting reasons**, and **evidence and examples**. You should begin this paragraph by introducing the full name of the author and the full name of the book. When summarizing, remember to put the author’s ideas into your own words, and to highlight only the **main ideas** from Goldhagen’s essay rather than every little detail. You should present the ideas in your summary in the same order they are presented in the original essay. In a summary, you do not express your opinion about the piece; be sure to express Goldhagen’s essay’s meaning as clearly and accurately as possible. At this point, you should be referring to the only by her last name. **For this paragraph, refer to the templates and verbs in Ch. 3 of *The Say, I Say*. See the first paragraph of the template in Exercise 1 of the Introduction to *They Say, I Say* as a model for your summary.**

**Evaluation:** Your next **body paragraph** should **evaluate** the merits and strengths of the essay’s **argument**, **supporting reasons**, and **evidence and examples**. You should explain how persuasive and convincing you find the argument, reasons, and evidence to be, and why. This paragraph should contain a mix of personal reaction (opinion) and rhetorical analysis (analysis of how the arguments are made). **See the second paragraph in the template in Exercise 1 of the Introduction to *They Say, I Say* as a model for your summary.**

**Conclusion:** In your conclusion, you should reflect and connect. Did Goldhagen’s essay help you to think about the built environment in a new way? Did what she say resonate or clash with your own experience in the world? What did you realize or learn that you can apply to your own experience?

\*Note: Paragraphs should be connected by clear and logical **transitions**, and body paragraphs should begin with a **topic sentence** that indicates what the **main idea** of the paragraph will be.

**Reminders:**

* After you have introduced an author the first time by their full name, first and last, you should refer to them only by their last name throughout the rest of the essay.
* For issues with MLA formatting, please Google search your question as specifically as possible (YouTube also has instructional videos), and/or speak to me.
* Use an academic, formal tone. See the handout on the “Resources” page of our course website for more information.
* You do not need a cover page for this assignment; write your name and the course code in the upper left-hand corner of the first page
* The title of a book, like *Welcome to Your World*, goes in italics. The title of an essay or article found in a book or newspaper goes in quotation marks; for example, “Centers and Edges.”