***Cultural Expectations vs. Individuality Analysis Essay***

The purpose of the *Cultural Expectations versus Individuality essay* is to do all of the following: 1) Practice synthesizing ideas, analyzing text, and making information based connections, 2) Re-enforce time management strategies, and 3) Prepare you for college level thought and writing.

**WHERE TO BEGIN…**

**Step 1:** Read and review the following text: 1) AOW: Cultural Expectations, 2) Latino Poetry, 3) *Perfume Dreams* excerpt, and the 4) “Meet the Patels” movie. How do these resources meet the common theme of cultural expectations vs. individuality?

**Step 2:** Develop a strong thesis sentence! This should be a general statement about cultural expectations and can be argued using at least three out of four of the resources.

**Step 3:** Fill out the essay prompt outline.

**Step 4:** Write your paper. **BE SURE TO FOCUS ON THE COMMON THEME OF CULTURAL EXPECTATIONS VS. INDIVIDUALITY.** Bring drafts (even if it is only a little at a time). Ms. Berti will read as many as you bring in! Also, do not allow for any spelling, grammar, or MLA format issues as points will be deducted (See rubric).

**IMPORTANT ASPECTS…**

1. The essay must be clearly organized.
2. Include a **minimum of three points** **of persuasion and use three different resources.**
3. Focus on **smooth transitional words and sentences** that help illuminate and connect.
4. Type your paper in Times New Roman 12 point font, double-spaced, with 1” margins. Staple your essay in this order (from top to bottom): final draft with Works Cited page, prior draft, outline, then the rubric.

**BIG WARNINGS…**

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