

## Unit One: Sciences – The Workings of Memory Summary & Response Paper

Our memory functions separate us from other life forms and contribute to the formation of our identities as individuals. As such, memory is one of the fundamental criteria by which we define “the human.” An exceedingly complex biological and psychological process, there is still much we do not know about it. In fact, memory is still the subject of study for contemporary science. For paper one, we will explore early conceptualizations of memory as well as more contemporary scientific studies of how it works.

You will have two tasks:

1. Summarize each of the readings.
  1. This may be part of the larger paper or it may be its own section. Either way the summaries should not be a series of unconnected paragraphs, but a coherent overview of the reading for this unit.
2. Respond to the readings.
  1. Your response should include a thesis and evidence.
  2. Possible topics for the response may include, but are not limited to:
    1. An analysis of one of the readings in relation to your personal experience.
    2. A comparison of two ideas about memory.
    3. An analysis of “science writing” based upon these three essays.
    4. Use a pop culture text (movie, television show, song, etc) to illustrate the theories in one of the readings.

### **Requirements:**

- 4 – 6 pages, double spaced; 12-point Times font; 1-inch margins all the way around
- APA-style in text citations and references list.
- All work submitted on time in an electronic portfolio.

### **Time line & Due Dates:**

April 19 - A summary of each work is due in the course wiki.

April 26 - A full-length draft is due in the course wiki.

April 26 – In-class peer review; Bring two copies of your full-length draft.

April 28 - Polished draft due in the course wiki by 11:59 pm.

### **Grading Breakdown (25 points possible):**

Preparatory Work (5 points)

Final Draft (20 points); See grading rubric on the course website.

**Full-length Draft:** A full-length draft is not a “rough” draft. In other words, you should bring in a properly formatted, typed essay with a title, introduction, body, and conclusion. You may omit the references list for this draft.

**Electronic Portfolio:** As you complete preparatory activities and drafts, you will be building an electronic portfolio in the course wiki. Before posting your summaries, you should create a wiki article entitled “*Your Name* Unit One Portfolio.” The article should be sub-divided into sections: Summary #1, Summary #2, Summary #3, Drafts. Additionally, the article should be placed into the categories “*Your Name*,” “All Pages,” and “Unit One.” By the time the final draft is posted, your portfolio will

show the genesis and evolution of your paper, from start to finish. For information on how to create an article, add sections, or add categories, see the Wiki User's Guide on the course website.