

Global Learning Assignments

GEA 2000: World Regional Geography

Common Reading Reflection

For this assignment, you are required to read the Global Learning Common Reading(s) “It’s a Flat World, After All” by Thomas Friedman and “The World is Spiky” by Richard Florida. Both can be found on the Content page of the course Blackboard site. Then you need to write a 500-750 word reflection essay that addresses the following questions by comparing/contrasting the two articles. You will be graded on your understanding of the articles, addressing the points below, and your writing (grammar, spelling, etc.). Upload this part of your assignment to the Assignment Dropbox found on Blackboard. Early submissions will be accepted.

After reading the articles, write your essay in response to the following:

1. What is each author’s perspective on globalization – compare/contrast their perspectives?
Please don’t just list the titles here – delve deeper.
2. Briefly summarize each author’s main points/arguments, and then give your own perspective as to whether you agree or disagree with what each author saying.
 - a. Does one author’s argument seem more salient to you – which one and why? Are you convinced by one over the other, do you think both offer valid points, or do you think both author’s arguments are lacking?
3. Given the argument(s) in the essays and your perspective on it, can you relate it to your own life or your own situation?