

## Writing Assignment -- PLA Essay 1 (complete and revised)

For this first graded PLA essay, I expect you to have taken into account the feedback I gave you from the previous two weeks. Please make sure you have a title page, an abstract, a reference page (if applicable), and a page at the end that describes what sort of documentation you will provide to demonstrate that this experience did happen to you. See the [PLA Student Guide](#) and other resources (such as the [Essay Checklist](#)) for more details.

For each PLA essay, be sure to hold firmly to the four sections of the Kolb model as described in the [PLA Student Guide](#): (1) Concrete Experience, (2) Observation and Reflections, (3) Abstract Concepts and Generalizations, and (4) Applying Concepts in New Situations (pp. 10-12). Remember that if your ideas drift outside of the confines of each section, your learning will not be articulated as effectively. Take note, too, that Part 2 reflects back on Part 1, and Part 4 reflects back on Part 3.

**Purpose:** To demonstrate to an unidentified faculty expert that the learning you have gained from your specific life experience is worthy of university-level credit, keeping to the specific required components of the Kolb model. As the [PLA Student Guide](#) says, "Students will not receive credit for their experience, but rather what they learned from the experience" (p. 14).

**Audience:** A GFU faculty expert.

**Due date:** Sunday, July 23, 2017. Final papers must be in proper APA format, and additional page at the end must be added that describes the documentation you will include when you submit this essay for credit (see [PLA Student Guide](#) p. 13).

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