

Guidelines for reflection essays

- **Objective:** The goal of a reflection essay is to give you an opportunity to **think** about course material and **apply** it. Each essay will answer specific question(s); typically, you will reflect on your personal experience, or on a blog post, podcast, or video, and relate it to course material.
- **Expectations:** Reflection essays should be **1-2 pages long**, single-spaced. They may be conversational in style, like a blog, but they should **communicate clearly** and should show **insightful understanding** of course material.
- **Assessment:** Reflection essays are graded as A/B/0. Any legitimate attempt at an answer will earn at least a B. Each essay will be accepted up to two weeks after its deadline for a one-grade penalty (A→B, B→C). At the end of the semester, the lowest reflection-essay grade will be dropped, so you can miss one with no consequences.