

Paper Four: Defining a Word

As we've seen in class, one word can have many meanings depending on the context in which it is used. For example, "play" might refer to the act of engaging in a game, a production performed by actors on a stage, a strategy used by a sports team, or what one does to make a musical instrument make sound.

In this **600 - 800 word essay**, you will define one word from at least three perspectives: **denotative** meanings of the word, **connotative** meanings of the word, and **your personal** take on the meaning of the word. This does not mean that you are offering only three definitions total of the word. For example, in class we talked about different meanings of the word "cat." If you were to write an essay about the word "cat," for the denotative portion, you might reference a source on the genus "Felis catus;" for the connotative portion, you might include many of the examples we came up with in class (cat burglar, cool as a cat, catlike reflexes); and for the personal portion, you might talk about your own pet cat, or whatever cat it is that you think of when you hear the word "cat."

For this essay, you need to incorporate **at least two outside sources**. These sources should be legitimate sources of information. For example, you are NOT allowed to cite Wikipedia as a source.

DUE DATES:	
Wednesday, November 5th	Rough Draft DUE
Wednesday, November 12th	Final Paper DUE (Final Draft, Author's Note, Response Chart, Optional Revision Agenda)