

SOC b2500
Sociological Writing
(“Making Sociology Speak”)

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Consultation Hours:

**Wednesdays: 13.00-14.00 or by
appointment**

Some observations on the response papers

- Be concrete – use examples and connect to something in everyday reality or media
- Incorporate the “links” into the narrative of the text
- Writing improved considerably in most cases
- Staying within the assigned word count is important – being succinct!
- Ask sociological questions, not questions about the content of the article.

Technicalities:

- *The essay should be at least 1,000 words, but no more than 1,200 words (without references).*
- *The first draft is due on **MONDAY, APRIL 6 at 13:00** – please send a copy to your partner AND post one in the Homework Vault.*
- *Your peer review comments are due **before class** on **Wednesday, April 8** - please send a copy to your partner and post a copy to the Homework Vault. You may use the First Draft Comment Sheet linked in the Interactive Syllabus, or a format of your own.*

What you will do in the Social Issue Reaction Paper:

- 1) Clearly define the issue you will address.
- 2) Clearly state your position on the issue.
- 3) Defend your position.
- 4) Conclude concisely.

Peer Review Partners

- **Grahovac, Marko & Konschuh, Veronika**
- **Rüster, Karl-Albert & Rachůnková, Nadia**
- **Cercnik Pusavec, Nika reads Janzekovic, Nejc**
- **Janzekovic, Nejc reads Grauerová, Gabriela**
- **Grauerová, Gabriela reads Cercnik Pusavec, Nika**

Becker on writing

- **Rituals & Routines** – Why do we feel so shameful about them?
- **The importance of re-writing.** Don't be a one-draft wonder.
- **Pluralistic ignorance** – everyone thinks everyone else is getting it done and on time.

Becker on writing

- **Two biggest issues** - Passive voice and unwillingness or inability to make causal statements.
- **Persona** – everyone has a style of writing. Classy persona, esoteric expertise, “I was there,” all authoritative in contrast to Becker’s ordinariness and similarity to others. issue of professionalization, becoming a “real” sociologist.



STOP!
GRAMMAR
TIME!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otCpCn0l4Wo>

GENDER IN THE AP STYLEBOOK

- They, them, their - In most cases, a plural pronoun should agree in number with the antecedent: *The children love the books their uncle gave them.* They/them/their is acceptable in limited cases as a singular and-or gender-neutral pronoun, when alternative wording is overly awkward or clumsy. However, rewording usually is possible and always is preferable. Clarity is a top priority; gender-neutral use of a singular they is unfamiliar to many readers. We do not use other gender-neutral pronouns such as xe or ze.
- **UNESCO Gender-Neutral Guidelines**
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0011/001149/114950mo.pdf>