

## ENG 101 ESSAY TWO

### First Draft

The questions below are based on the articles you read in class. You should have a copy of each article with you.

Read the questions below carefully and then choose only **ONE**. Write a thesis-centered essay of at least 500 words in response to this one question. Be sure your essay addresses all parts of the question.

As you develop your essay, make sure that you provide sufficient support and explanation by **integrating examples from both readings** (“Mother Tongue” by Amy Tan and “Nobody Mean More to Me than You and the Future Life of Willie Jordan” by June Jordan) throughout your essay. Analyze your examples to show their relevance to your argument. Use your own observations, experiences, or other sources to develop your claims. When you cite directly from the readings, use proper MLA in text citation.

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1. Do you believe language holds the power to limit one’s possibilities in life? Why or why not? Explain.
  2. To what extent is it important to be able to communicate in a language acceptable to the society in which you choose to live? Explain.
  3. Some people believe that narrative and language hold the power to shape our perception of ourselves and/or others? Take a position on this issue?
  4. Explore the dangers of reducing people, cultures, or even ourselves to single narratives or identities? Explain.