

Written Assignment 1

Requirements

Write a brief 250-500 word essay in response to the following topic. If necessary, you may slightly exceed the 500-word limit. Your essay should follow the usual rules of English grammar and spelling. For guidance on questions of style, consult the document labeled "Editing Suggestions," or Strunk and White or the [MIT Online Writing Communication Center](#).

Prompt

Why do people travel? Choose one of the primary source accounts listed among the readings for session 4, and analyze the most important reason for the author's journey through a close reading. Does the reason affect the mode or style of travel? If so, how? Does the travel you have chosen have analogies in the present, or is it more specific to its time and place?

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