

English 101
Professor Lewis

Essay #2

Instructions: Respond to the following prompt in **3-4 pages**. You must cite from at least 2 sources from *The McGraw-Hill Reader* or from the library databases. Head your paper and cite in MLA format. Review the syllabus for details about the paper's format. ***Please consult your syllabus for the rough draft and final copy due dates.***

Socioeconomic class is one of our defining characteristics. We make choices on how much we can afford, and the difference between eating at Panera Bread or McDonald's could be due to how much cash we have.

Money, though, also determines where we live and the activities we can participate in. Certain towns are marked by the income of their residents, and businesses are marked by the social class they cater to: a bookstore in Princeton is catering to a "richer" audience than one in Willingboro.

Today, many analysis, newspapers, and experts are reporting on an increasing gap between the income of the poor and the income of the rich. This has be typified by banks like Goldman Sachs and events like the Great Recession.

Answer one of these questions on this topic for your essay:

1. What are the causes of the increasing gap between the rich and the poor today?
2. What process can we take to improve the economy and lessen the gap between the rich and poor that exists today?