

The rise of the **Black Panther Party** was bolstered by the controversial contention that black people could not simply just "fit in" to American society, achieving the equality and freedom of the white people in this society. To think this way was to misunderstand the nature of the predicament of black people, and hence to perpetuate and exonerate a racist American society. Something different had to happen.

Write an essay that includes the following:

- 1. Describe the Black Panther Party's vision of both blacks and whites in America at the time of the inception of the Party and during the period following that.
- 2. Then chart the Party's proposed way forward in the struggle.
- 3. Use proper in-text citations and include a works cited page.

Formatting:

Original essays must be between 500 - 750 words, double-spaced, exhibit 12 point Times New Roman font, with 1" margins.

Electronic form:

Please click <u>here</u> to fill out an electronic form and attach your essay. Student identification numbers should appear as the heading for all body pages. It should be positioned in the top, right corner (for blind review).

Student Information:

Name, e-mail address, and student identification number.

Suggestions for composing a great essay:

Make an appointment at the SSU Writing Center, Payne Hall, Room 201, (912) 358-4495

Questions?

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Essay Writing Contest

Deadline:

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016.

Prizes for the 1st Place Winner:

- Participate in a dinner with Bobby Seale, founding chairman and national organizer of the Black Panther Party, and
- **√** \$ 100.00





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