

Essay 1  
Due Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

In responding to the question in White (2009), “Is anatomy destiny?” Wilson argues that science is of no value in answering any question, while Campbell provides a kind of bullet list of facts about insect chromosomes. Neither really seems to answer the question very well. Yet even casual observation reveals that the question posed in Issue 1 is unquestionably “No.” A better, more relevant and interesting question might be “To what extent does anatomy influence our destiny?” Using the readings from Lippa, White, and eLearning, describe the extent to which your “self” is a function of your anatomy (with specific reference to the biological and environmental differences between males and females).

For this assignment you will need to take and defend a specific position. That position, or thesis, should be **VERY EXPLICITLY STATED** – usually at or near the end of the introductory paragraph, which provides a compelling reason for the reader to care about the topic. Please use as many paragraphs as you need to thoughtfully address this issue. Generally, you should not need to include any outside sources, but you may if you wish, so long as they are properly cited and acceptably reliable.

Your paper should be between 700 and 800 words in length, typed in an 11-12 pt. font, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides. In this paper, you need to choose an assertion or specific point of view to support. This is your thesis. Your thesis statement is to come from the prompt above, and every paragraph should support that thesis. Generally, it is a good strategy to begin with an outline (as a means of organizing your ideas coherently) and writing 1000-1500 words and then editing out unnecessary words and phrases that are too often fillers that obscure rather than clarify. For example, there is no sentence in the English language that is enhanced by phrases like “Due to the fact that...” or “It is interesting to note that... .”