JEP Reflective Questions
Assignment #1

Due Wednesday February 10th at 9:00am
30 points (30% of reflection grade)

This assignment is designed to measure your skills in critical thinking, analytic reasoning, problem solving, and written communication. We expect that you will need approximately 30 minutes to review the materials for this assignment and to respond to all of the prompts.

Those who have participated in JEP in prior semesters will find that this task is far more complex and time-consuming than the typical JEP Reflective Question. We are using a variety of formats for reflection this semester and will be assigning different point values to the JEP essays that correspond to the required effort. We are also assigning fewer essays throughout the semester to account for the greater time and effort required by longer assignments such as this one. Please see your PA Agreement for more information.

Please take your time with this assignment in order to prepare a thoughtful, thorough response.

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Log onto your Blackboard account for JEP and click on the Course Documents link. In that folder, you will find another folder, “JEP Assignment #1,” which contains a number of documents that you will need to complete this exercise:

1. Wikipedia page for University Park, Los Angeles, California (dated 8-9-09)
2. 90007 Census data and map
3. Daily Trojan article
4. LA City services
5. LA Times article (Univ. Park)
6. LAPD Crime Info USC & UCLA areas
7. SAJE-Figueroa Corridor

Part One (approximately 1 page):

Carefully review the Wikipedia entry for University Park (document #1). Briefly summarize the webpage’s description of the neighborhood. What does it emphasize? Based on your experiences in the University Park community, what do you think is missing from the description?

Part Two (approximately 1-2 pages):
Now, consider the information provided in documents #2-7. Does this information surprise you or change your impressions of University Park or your JEP assignment in any way? How could you use the information in these documents to edit or improve the Wikipedia entry for University Park? What, specifically, would you include from these documents? What would you exclude? What other data or information would be helpful to have in order to edit the Wikipedia page about the neighborhood?

**Part Three (2-3 pages):**

Drawing exclusively from the documents you reviewed for Part Two and from your experiences in the community, develop a new Wikipedia entry for University Park. Structure your response as though it were a real Wikipedia page, organizing the information into 4 or 5 key sections. You may use the existing Wikipedia page’s headings (“The Neighborhood Today,” “Downtown or South Los Angeles,” etc.) or create new headings that reflect what you think is most important to emphasize. (For ideas, see “Sample Wikipedia pages,” also in the Course Documents folder of Blackboard, for examples of entries for other neighborhoods in Los Angeles.) You may use the existing text for the 8-9-09 Wikipedia page or edit it as you see fit.

*PLEASE NOTE:* Since many JEP students are completing this particular assignment and may refer to Wikipedia, please do NOT edit the actual Wikipedia page for University Park.

**Please include all sections of your response in a single Word document and submit to your PA via Blackboard.** (For instructions, please refer to the Blackboard handout you received at training, also available in the Course Documents folder.)