

CJN 491/691: Homework Assignment 1

Due: June 1st

Technical:

- 500 words (approx. 2 pages)
- one-inch margins
- 12-point font
- your name in the header
- stapled or double-sided

Instructions:

Paragraph One

What is your national identity? How would you define what makes up your national identity (i.e. what does it mean to be an American, a Spaniard)? What is your cultural identity? How, if at all, is your national identity different from your cultural identity? What other types of identity would you use to describe yourself (e.g. religious, regional, social)?

Paragraph Two

What is your first television memory? What shows, if any, did you watch as a child? What shows, if any, do you watch regularly now? If you are away from home, how do you expect your television viewing habits to change while you are in Madrid? Will you attempt to keep up with the TV shows you are missing? If so, why and how will you do so?

Paragraph Three

List some of your favorite films and where you first saw them (e.g. theater, rental, at home, at a friend's house). Have you ever seen a film with subtitles or a film that has been dubbed? Describe how the experience differs, if at all, from watching films in your native language. If you regularly see foreign films, list some of your favorites.

Paragraph Four

What are your favorite musical artists/bands? How do you typically listen to music (e.g. radio, iPod, MTV) and where do you find new music? Would you classify any of your musical taste as non-American, coming from artists outside the U.S.? Who? How, if at all, have non-U.S. musicians and musical styles influenced the music you like? If you are not from the U.S., how has U.S. music influenced your tastes?