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English367-01-08536-2 Wikispace: What is Postmodernism? Assignment

1. Permanent English367-01-08536-2 Wikispace url:
 - a. <http://english367-01-08536-2.wikispaces.com/>
2. Important information:
 - a. Username: _____
 - i. At least 3 characters long with letters, numbers, underscores _, or dashes -
 - ii. It is up to you whether or not you would like to share your username identity with your classmates.
 - b. Default Password: english36701
 - i. This should be changed to a unique password immediately after receiving access to the space.
3. For an introduction or refresher to wikis in general, visit the “Wiki Tutorial” under “English367-01-08536-2 Wikispace Navigation,” “Course Materials,” and “Course Requirements” from the course wikispace homepage.
4. Assignment Description: You and your classmates will collaboratively construct an informative wikispace page answering the question “What is Postmodernism?”
5. Each student is responsible for researching and contributing a unique 250 to 500 word entry to the page. Content subtopics are essentially unlimited beneath the umbrella topic of “Postmodernism.”
 - a. Each entry should be correctly documented according to MLA standards.
 - i. See your *Wadsworth Handbook* and/or a credible online source, such as Purdue’s Online Writing Lab’s “MLA Formatting and Style Guide”: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>
 - b. *Wikipedia* is NOT a credible source for this assignment.
6. Rhetorical choices matter!
 - a. As a wiki page is perpetually editable, this assignment requires that you give attention to rhetorical presentation as well.
 - i. I.e., What is said and *how* it is said are equal partners in getting a message across. Rhetorical choices include such things as grammar and tone, organization, and even design aesthetics (font size and style, whether or not to include visuals, etc.).
 - ii. You should visit the page on several occasions as it is developing to see what additional changes you might contribute on this level.
7. To begin contributing, make sure you are signed in to your wikispace account and have navigated to the course wikispace homepage. Click on “What is Postmodernism?” under “English367-01-08536-2 Wikispace Navigation,” “Course Materials,” and “Course Requirements” and then on “Edit this Page” in the upper right.
8. The wiki will automatically record the changes you make and, as organizer, I will have access to learn exactly who made what contributions.
9. Assignment is due by 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 10.