

Language Ideologies

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(Based on "My Fair Lady" (1964 film) or "Pygmalion" (1913, George Bernard Shaw))

Written Assignment:

As you view "My Fair Lady" (1964), record at least **4 quotes** expressing or tied to language ideologies. Make sure to write down which character was the author of the quote. (As an alternative source, you may read "Pygmalion" (1913) by George Bernard Shaw, the book that preceded the musical/movie.)

Then, on a separate page, select one of these quotes and write a one-page (3/4 to 1 page long, double spaced) **opinion essay**, using material from other course readings, as well as personal experience, if applicable, to explain why certain people would adhere by this ideology (past or present) and whether it has merit under certain circumstances/contexts. As the story takes place in England in the beginning of the 20th century, would you say this ideology is relatable to our time, over a century later, in the US (or in other countries with which you are more familiar)? As with any idea, please consider various aspects, contexts, and sides, avoiding one-sided criticism. The goal of this assignment is to analyze the ways in which values and beliefs relate to human behavior and social relationships.

Formatting:

- Times font, 12 font size, double spaced, 1 inch margins
- use standard header on page 1
- include the source reference ("My Fair Lady" (1964 film) or "Pygmalion" by G. B. Shaw)
- use a numbered or bulleted list for page 1; include the name of the character
- include the selected quote on top of page 2, followed by 3/4-1 page long essay
- submit as .pdf file

Class Discussion (this part may be conducted after the written assignment or instead of it):

After completing the written assignment, share your thoughts with your classmates. Please use the following questions as you share your ideas:

1. Share a quote and the character who said it
2. Share the context
3. What was the meaning of this quote?
4. Does it apply to our lives? How can it be applied?
5. Does it have merit?
6. What are the dangers of adhering to this ideology?