

ENG 229: Contemporary Urban Writers

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Juan Flores's "The Structuring of Puerto Rican Identity", attempts to describe the general stages immigrants/migrants to the city go through.

Both Pedro Pietri and Miguel Piñero attempt to describe Nuyorican life through the lens of lived experiences of the same migrants in their poetry.

In a fully formed essay, first briefly summarize Flores's points, then apply his model to *one poem each* from Pietri and Piñero to show how their work does or does not reflect Flores's points. Finally, compare the visions of the city in the poems you chose from Pietri and Piñero in your conclusion.

Rules:

- You should use the texts as you write and can quote from them, but it is fine to summarize action to make your points. You do not have to use extensive quotes.
- You are encouraged to use the ACE Center tutors.
- You should format all sources using the MLA citation format, including the poems you quote from. See instructions at the Purdue OWL site online and/or seek assistance from the ACE Center
- Outside sources are not needed for this assignment: use class notes and the assigned texts

To do well on this

- Read the question carefully and make sure you answer it
- Pay close attention to spelling, grammar, sentence and paragraph structure
- Be sure to use **specific examples** from texts to support your points
- Pay attention to length: don't submit essays that are shorter than specified (4 pages, double spaced Times font) or much longer
- Your work doesn't need to be perfect: it just has to answer the questions, do so accurately, and show that you read and understood the texts
- Follow the required submission format below carefully
- Double check my email address to make sure you've typed it correctly

Format:

- Length: approximately 4-5 pages, typed, double spaced
- 12 point Times font, with 1" margins.
- Put your name on the top left corner of the first page.
- Name your file like this: yourfirstname.lastname_essay1.doc.

- **Essays should be formatted as Microsoft Word document format only! Do not send links to Google docs or Word online or any other file format. Your paper will not be read.**

Submission

Electronic copies of papers are due **by midnight EST on Friday March 9** via email to hank [dot] williams [at] lehman [dot] cuny [dot] edu. I will send you a confirmation email the next day to be sure that I have it. Late papers will be penalized by 1/4 letter grade per day late.