

Group Members:

Mapping Your Essay to the Model

Use the *Annotated Student Example Essay* as a **blueprint** to think of what binary you choose.

By the end of today's exercise, you will understand how you could discuss your binary.

Part 1: Read The *Annotated Student Example Essay*.

As you read, focus on **how** the essay builds its argument — not just what it's about.

Section	What the Model Does	Key Examples	What We Noticed
Introduction Paragraph 1	Begins with lived experience - defines the Black/White binary Introduces the “glitch” of multiracial identity Ends with a thesis that talks about the system (matrix)	Uses personal story Example is the “black/white binary bulldozer”	Thesis analyzes how the system works, not just feelings, & not just a simple idea of this is the binary
Body Paragraphs 2–3	Gives examples from history, “One-drop rule”	Laws + academic source like Harvard (credible)	Moves from history to an example from present Look at perception of race now
Body Paragraphs 4-7			
Body Paragraphs 8-11			

Body Paragraphs 12-15			
Conclusion Paragraphs 16-17			