

Campus Reading Reflective Essay Assignment Instructions

As an incoming member of the Class of 2027, you will be expected to complete a reflective essay on *Now is Not the Time to Panic* by Kevin Wilson by **August 11**. This essay will be shared with your faculty and student VUceptors for use within the Vanderbilt Visions program. It will NOT be shared with other students in your group without your permission. For more information on the Vanderbilt Visions program, visit commons.vanderbilt.edu. The Campus Reading is designed with two goals in mind: to offer a common experience in intellectual inquiry and discovery as you approach a collegiate reading for the first time, and to offer a tool for conversations about who you are as an individual and what collectively brings us together or separates us as a community.

The required essay must address a specific prompt in no more than 250 words. Essay prompts will be made available over the summer at vu.edu/classof2027. **Please wait to construct your essay until you have reviewed the prompts.**

Essay Submission

To submit your essay, you will need to access Brightspace. Follow these instructions, found on the Brightspace help site, to do so¹:

1. Go to brightspace.vanderbilt.edu and login with your VUnet ID and password.
2. **Beginning on August 1**, you will find that you have been enrolled in a course entitled, "Vanderbilt Visions Group [Group #]." **Note: you will not be able to access this course until you have been assigned to a Visions group in late July.** If you cannot find your group assignment at that time, please email visions@vanderbilt.edu.
3. Click on this course.
4. Click on **Activities & Assessments**. Find the assignment entitled, "Campus Reading Reflective Essay" and click on it.
5. You will see a description of the assignment, **including the specific prompts**. Scroll down to **Submit Files**. Here you can upload a file and enter text – all of which the university will see once you have clicked **Submit**. You are strongly encouraged to complete your essay in a word document and then upload the text, rather than typing it directly in the text box.
6. Once your assignment has been submitted, you will see the **File Upload Results** page. Review these details to ensure you have successfully submitted the essay.

If you would like to view illustrated versions of instructions for submitting an assignment via Brightspace, visit <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/brightspace/how-do-i-submit-an-assignment-2/>.

Supplemental Information

For more support in understanding the themes present in the Campus Reading, visit the English Language Center's website at vanderbilt.edu/elc/resources. There you will find a supplemental guide to the reading which will offer reading strategies and a content overview among other tools. Click on the "Resources" tab and then "Campus Readings" to access this guide.

Questions

If you are unable to access Brightspace over the summer, require additional time to complete the reflective essay, or have any questions about this assignment, please email campus.reading@vanderbilt.edu.

¹ How do I submit an assignment? (2020). Retrieved from <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/brightspace/how-do-i-submit-an-assignment-2/>