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## Abstract

Instructions: this assignment is due by the start of class on **January 27**. You should email your abstract to me. It does not count as turned in until you get an email confirming that I have received it. If you can't make the deadline, I'll be pretty open to extensions without penalty so long as you email beforehand. Otherwise, you lose a point per day it's late. This abstract should be between 150 and 200 words. I'll grade it pass/fail/didn't turn in and it's worth 2 percent of your grade. Pass is equivalent to an 'A' – if you do a super-awesome job, I'll give you some bonus points. If you have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

- In this abstract, you should tell me what you are planning to argue in your final paper. (If you have not looked at the final paper assignment yet, you should make sure to do so). Think of this abstract as a short summary of your paper that tells me what the main ideas and arguments will be. Because people who read abstracts are often trying to decide whether to read the paper, you also want to make clear why someone should be interested in reading your paper. We'll spend part of class on January 20th working through a handout on what makes for a good abstract.

*Note: you will be discussing these abstracts in class with your peers. Writing this abstract and discussing it in class will be most helpful for you if you have spent some time thinking about what you will say in your paper. If you just write it quickly, and your paper ends up being about something pretty different, then writing the abstract and discussing it won't be as helpful.*