

Comparison of Two Essays

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After reading the article on poverty written by Melisa Pedraza and posted on Nov 17, 2016 5:26 PM, it is quite evident that the article has a lot of similarities with my article on discrimination and slavery. The two articles provide an in-depth historical analysis of some of the major issues that have been affecting the society over the years. The Melisa's article discusses two major types of poverty and goes ahead to mention examples of countries in the world that are currently affected by the different types of poverty. Similarly, my article also discusses the different types of discrimination and how the issue currently affects the society. The two articles also highlight some of the root causes of poverty and discrimination respectively to make the reader understand the origin of the issues. For example, my article links the problem of discrimination to resource sharing where individuals with a higher societal status take advantage of their position to allocate themselves more resources. After reading Melisa's article, I realized that he links poverty to war and child labor.

The other interesting thing about the two articles is that they provide a historical perspective of the issues being discussed. For instance, Melisa's article points out that poverty can be traced as far as the Great Depression immediately after the First World War and during the period of Industrial Revolution (Von Sivers, et al., 2013). In the same manner, my article on discrimination and slavery also discusses slavery from the African historical context by tracing the origin of discrimination and slavery to the slave trade that happened between 1500 and 1800 (Bertocchi & Dimico, 2010). Finally, both articles emphasize on the need to understand the past because it is the only way to understand the future.

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