

Spring 2014
AFN 152, Section 001
First Paper Assignment
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Write a paper, six-to-eight pages in length, on one of the following topics. Revise your work carefully, and remember to cite your sources appropriately using MLA. Your typed and stapled essay is due at the beginning of class on March 31st.

1. Kwame Gyekye and Elias K. Bongmba are both interested in precolonial values and institutions and how they could improve contemporary African politics. Compare and contrast their two essays.
2. Leopold Senghor argues that whites and blacks experience the world in totally different ways. What specifically does he argue, and how does he define the concept of *négritude*?
3. Julius K. Nyerere defends *ujamaa* as an indigenous form of socialism; Elias K. Bongmba defends *ubuntu* and relates it to political love. Compare and contrast their two essays.
4. Awa Thiam and Steve Biko both write about political consciousness. What does Thiam say about the development of feminist consciousness, and what does Biko say about the development of black consciousness?