

Name: _____ Student Number: _____ Date: _____

Below, write informally to me about your experiences and/or ideas in relation to the assigned readings on C. Wright Mills. Don't worry about making it perfect—express your thoughts legibly and clearly. This will be graded on a 0, check minus, check and check plus basis for participation credit. You may want to use the questions below as guidance, though you can respond to any part of the reading if you so choose. You may also want to use the back of this paper.

Mills argues that “people often feel that their private lives are a series of traps” and that we often do not connect this sense of being trapped—the personal—to the structures and movements of the times. What do you think of this? Do you feel trapped? How do you think that these personal struggles reflect or are related to social problems?

Dear Anna-Liisa:

Grade	
Check Plus (demonstrates clear, keen understanding of the material and relates its ideas well to social issues or personal experience)	
Check (demonstrates clear, keen understanding of the material; analysis is more summary and provides less insight)	
Check Minus (unclear understanding of the material; entry is not long enough to clarify understanding or response is not clear)	
Zero (non-completion of reading assignment and/or little understanding of content)	
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