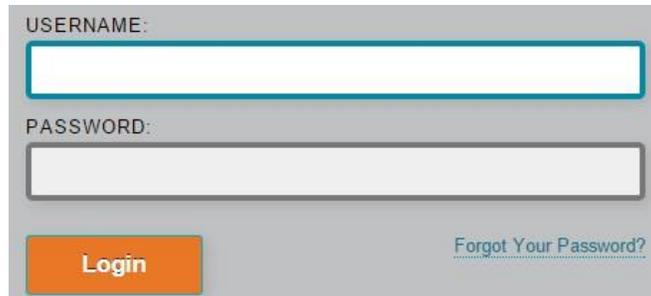


Writing Activity

Please launch Mozilla Firefox and proceed to GSU Blackboard:
(<https://bb9.govst.edu/webapps/login/>)

If you do not have Mozilla Firefox, please download the latest version from their website:
<http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/>

Please login using your username and password provided to you by GSU.



A screenshot of the Blackboard login interface. It features two input fields: 'USERNAME:' and 'PASSWORD:'. Below the password field is an orange 'Login' button. To the right of the 'Login' button is a blue link that says 'Forgot Your Password?'.

Click on the **Freshmen_2016_SS: Smart Start** link to enter the course.

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From the left menu, please click the **Writing Activity** menu button.



Read the article by clicking the hyperlink and follow the instructions in order to complete the assignment.

Writing Activity



"On the Killing of Jordan Davis by Michael Dunn"

This piece was published in the *Atlantic* magazine online on February 15, 2014.

Please read it carefully, and take notes. Identify Coates' main argument and the arguments he uses to support the main argument. What facts and specifics does he refer to?

After reading the essay, click on "Assignment" to submit your writing assignment.



Assignment

After reading Ta-Nehisi Coates' essay, answer *one* of the following questions:

- Can parents protect their children once they are of age and out in the world on their own? Why? or Why not? Explain.
- Is racism a heritage in America? Why or Why not? Explain.
- Does violence, of any kind, have an effect on a community? Why or Why not? Explain.
- Pose and answer your own question.

As you answer one of these questions, be aware that we will evaluate your writing on how well you complete the following tasks:

- Summarize the article's main points and details (5).
- Answer the question and explain your answer thoroughly. (Using one of the provided questions or posing your own.) (3)
- Support your answer with evidence from the text, your experience and outside of the text. (Please consider quoting from Coates' article.) (2)

We will use your writing in this activity to decide whether or not Smart Start will provide you additional support in order to make your first year at GSU successful.

Click on **Assignment** above. When you get to the Assignment window, scroll down to "Write Submission" to begin writing your essay. Remember to "Save Draft" frequently. Click **Submit** when you're finished.

After submitting your assignment, you may logout by clicking the button next to your name in the upper right hand corner.

