

ENGL 1100
Composition I
Dr. Adam Abraham
Spring 2020

ESSAY NO. 2
ANALYSIS

Rough draft DUE: Thursday 5 March
Hard copy only. Bring to class.

First draft DUE: Monday 16 March by 4:30 pm
Hard copy only. In Adam Abraham's mailbox, 9030 Haley Center.

Final draft DUE: Friday 27 March by 4:30 pm
Attach a file and email to asa0047@auburn.edu
In the subject line write "ANALYSIS"

CHOOSE A PAIR: "The Case against Free College" + "Why Free College Is Necessary"
OR "Why the Electoral College Should Be Preserved" + "The Case against the Electoral
College Is Stronger Than Ever"

For the second essay this semester, each student will produce an analysis of a pair of articles that offers a contrasting point of view. It may be helpful to briefly summarize each article's main claims. However ... BE SKEPTICAL. Do not accept every point made by either article. Find fault with arguments and reasoning. Be a critical reader of both essays (even if you agree with one of them).

Ultimately, the key to this essay is to find your own voice in the debate. Do you think one side is more convincing than the other? Are both arguments weak? Or is there merit in both sides? Articulate a thesis statement that gives your stance.

In the first paragraph of your essay, be sure to state the titles of both articles, the full names of the authors, and some information about when the articles were published.

A four-paragraph essay might be a good structure (but is not required). When you quote an article, cite page numbers thus: (325). There is no need for a list of works cited.

REQUIREMENTS

- Use 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper.
- Print on ONE SIDE of the page only. NOT double-sided.
- Use a normal, 12-point font, with serifs, such as Times or Times New Roman.
- Double-space EVERY LINE. Double-space is not single-space or space-and-one-half.

In Microsoft Word, you should select “2.0.”

- Write in multiple paragraphs. Indent each new paragraph. Do no skip lines.
- Follow the conventions of edited American English. When in doubt, consult *The Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Approximate length = 1,000 words.
- In the upper-left corner of the first page, include the following information:

Your Name

Essay No. 2

Word Count (number)

Date

- One line below that, write a title for your essay, centered, using mixed case (Capitals and lowercase). Do not italicize, underline, or use bold print.

REFLECTIVE LETTER

When you submit the FINAL DRAFT, the last page of your submission should be in the form of a letter to Dr. Abraham. This will be a reflective account of your writing process. Write no more than one page and discuss the following:

How do you feel about this essay? What questions do you still have? Where was the text produced? How much time did it take? What strategies were employed? What steps did you take? How did you benefit from peer-review and/or instructor comments?

If you want more guidance, feel free to visit during office hours or set an appointment.