

Prompt: In your own words, what is the point of the talk by Peter Donnelly? http://www.ted.com/talks/peter_donnelly_shows_how_stats_fool_juries

Requirements:

1) No less than .5 of a page. I want you to write as much as you need to express the ideas you have about the talk. I am interested in well formed thoughts and showing that you put some time into thinking about why I would make you watch this, why is it or is it not useful, what did you learn?

2) Coherent sentences: I am not your English professor. If you misuse a comma, I will not deduct points. However, I expect you to write this as you would write a report for an employer: complete sentences, proper grammar, no slang, etc.

3) 12 pt Times New Roman, 1.5 spaced, 1 in. margins, no title

Some essays that will earn you a poor grade (this is not an exhaustive list, just a few examples):

- 1) If you turn in a list and not an essay, you will not receive many points.
- 2) Summarizing what the talk was about without including your own ideas.
- 3) Less than the minimum length.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. My office hours are Tues./Thurs. 2:30pm-4pm, also by appointment.