**Essay 2 Worksheet**

Task: Read through the evaluation at the bottom of this page. Then read through the sample essay, following the worksheet on the back of this page. After reading, discuss with your group how you would evaluate the sample essay.

*Assignment*

Your purpose in this 4-6 page (1200-1800 words) essay is to closely analyze one position in your controversy. You’ll do this through the careful (textual and contextual) analysis of a single text advocating a position. For our purposes, a “text” can be loosely defined as any persuasive effort that can be interpreted. A “text” may be a print article (such as an opinion column in a newspaper). It may also be a blog entry, a video, a commercial, an image, or a web-page. You should select a text that makes a clear argument–a text that very clearly asks the audience to believe, feel, or do something.

*Note: you can earn three extra credit points on this assignment by bringing your essay draft to the writing center*

*Evaluation*

Your essay will be evaluated on:

* Overall structure & clarity
* Sentence and paragraph clarity
* Effectiveness of introduction & thesis
* Appropriate summaries and contextualization
* Choice of analytic examples
* Effectiveness & depth of analysis
* Effectiveness & depth of conclusions
* Minimum Requirements

To earn a C or above, your essay must meet these requirements:

* 1200-1800 words
* Two or more sources
* Analysis of rhetorical appeals
* Written effectively and coherently, with few errors in grammar or mechanics
* Written in an appropriate academic style
* Free of authorial position or explicit bias with regard to the controversy.

**For each paragraph, list the main topic. Write the main point, or highlight it in the text if you can find a single sentence that states it clearly.**

Paragraph 1 Topic:

Thesis:

Paragraph 2 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 3 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 4 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 5 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 6 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 7 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 8 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 9 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 10 Topic:

Main point:

Paragraph 11 Topic:

Main point:

**Evaluation: With your group, determine whether the essay is inadequate, adequate, or exceptional regarding the eight evaluative points:**

* Overall structure & clarity
* Sentence and paragraph clarity
* Effectiveness of introduction & thesis
* Appropriate summaries and contextualization
* Choice of analytic examples
* Effectiveness & depth of analysis
* Effectiveness & depth of conclusions
* Minimum Requirements (don’t worry about length)