**ESSAY ASSIGNMENT #2 – ENGLISH 101**

**DUE DATES:**

~~Issue Selection Friday 10/5 (via email)~~

Outline 3/11 by 5:00pm (Turnitin.com)

1st Draft 3/18 by 5:00pm (Turnitin.com)

Peer Review 3/18 (Turnitin.com + Printed Copy in Class)

2nd Draft 3/25 by 5:00pm (Turnitin.com) + TLC stamp

Final Draft 4/8 by 5:00pm (Turnitin.com ONLY)

**Prompt:**

Select an issue affecting our local community. You will conduct research on this issue using a minimum of three (3) sources, one of which should be a local non-profit organization.

In your essay, you will do the following:

* Define the issue
* Explain the origins of this issue and how it affects our community (you may define community however you wish: campus student body, the city in which you live, state or nation, or any other definition you choose)
* Include a minimum of 4 direct quotes from at least 3 separate sources
* Explore possible ways to make a difference or improve the issue
* Propose a call to action (How do you want your readers to make a difference?)

**Requirements:**

Your essay (worth 150 points) should contain the following elements:

* Minimum of 4 pages, maximum 5 pages (not including works cited page).
* A creative title
* An engaging introductory paragraph that concludes with your focused thesis and clearly explains your position and why you hold that belief
* Body paragraphs that support your thesis
* Evidence from your sources
* Clear transitions between points
* A concluding paragraph that restates your position and includes a call to action
* Clear MLA parenthetical citation and a works cited page

How do you find an issue? Check out *The Signal Newspaper* or *The Antelope Valley Press* for current news stories. Also visit the C.O.C. Community-Based Learning webpage for a list of non-profit organizations. You may choose something not on the list, but it must be cleared by me first.

The writing process for this essay will include the following steps:

1. Outline
2. 1st Draft (peer revised)
3. 2nd Draft (TLC stamp)
4. 3rd Draft (graded by instructor)

**FORMATTING:**

Please format your essays as follows:

* 1 inch margins
* Times New Roman, 12 pt. font
* Double-space
* Indent paragraphs
* No blank lines or empty spaces between paragraphs
* Page numbers (top or bottom)
* Header to appear on all pages: Ex. LAST NAME/Argumentative Essay/1st Draft
* Your name, Class/Professor name, Essay & Draft #, and date on upper left-hand corner:

Example:

Emily Dickinson

English 091/Reyes

Argumentative Essay

Draft #1

2/5/2016