ENGWR 302
Bell

Formal Exploratory Essay

Value: 1,000 points.

Peer editing date: listed in your syllabus. Write it here: _______________________

Write the due date here: _____________________________________________

Remember that you must submit both a hard copy and an electronic copy to Canvas by the due date. If either one is late, the entire assignment is late; if I don’t receive both, you will earn zero points.

The assignment is Option 2 on page 42 of Writing Arguments. Please note that the exploratory essay is introduced in detail in Chapter 2, with a suggested organization plan on page 43 and a sample student essay starting on page 44.

You will choose your own outside sources, and you are welcome use High Price (in fact, I think it is a good idea) along with other outside sources to analyze the sources of your exploration and the authors’ disagreement.

Your essay should run between 1,000 and 1.500 words and make use of at least four sources, which would include High Price if you choose it.

You need not take sides in your exploration (but you may do so). Cite all works on a separate Works Cited page following the text of your analysis and exploration.

I have also included “Analyzing Sources of Disagreement,” a handout that will help you obtain raw material for your analysis, on the back. You may find this helpful in formulating your arguments for this essay.
Handout: ANALYZING SOURCES OF DISAGREEMENT

Use the following questions as a guide to help you analyze your two articles for sources of disagreement.

1. In your own words, summarize the core of each writer's argument.

2. What is the key issue for each writer? How does each frame that issue? How has the genre of each article shaped its argument?

3. Where do the writers disagree over interpretations of facts?

4. Where do the writers disagree over values, assumptions, or analogies?

5. What questions would you like to ask each writer? Where do you see gaps, fuzziness, or confusion in the argument?

6. What further information would you like to have about the issue?