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Analysis Assignment

DIRECTIONS FOR PLANNING AND DRAFTING

- Plan and draft an analysis of Matt Richtel’s article “Blogs vs. Term Papers” or Maryanne Wolf’s column “Skim Reading is the New Normal.”
- Write in dark ink, preferably black. You are welcome to use both sides of the page.
- Before you leave class today, staple this handout on top of your draft and submit it to me. Next week I will return your draft with notes, and you will have the class period to revise and edit on your laptop or tablet.

DIRECTIONS FOR REVISING

The revision of your analysis should include:

- A title that offers a window into your analysis
- An introduction that includes a summary of the article or column
- A thesis statement, or main claim, that presents your take on the article or column based on your close study of it
- Textual evidence that supports your claims
- A minimum of one relevant quotation from the article or column
- Parenthetical citations for any quotations and paraphrases
- A conclusion that revisits the thesis without restating it verbatim
- A work cited entry for “Blogs vs. Term Papers” or “Skim Reading is the New Normal.”
- A minimum of 750 words

Works Cited

Richtel, Matt. “Blogs vs. Term Papers.” *The New York Times*,
<http://www.newyorktimes.org>, 20 Jan. 2012.

Wolf, Maryanne. “Skim Reading is the New Normal.” *The Guardian*, 25 Aug.
2018, <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/aug/25/skim-reading-new-normal-maryanne-wolf>.

Think of your preliminary draft as your “down draft”; your aim in that early stage of the process is to get your ideas down on the page. You may need the process of drafting to discover what you think the article or column means and how it makes its meaning.

DIRECTIONS FOR FORMATTING AND POSTING YOUR REVISION—See the Course Calendar for Due Dates

1. Save your revised essay as a Microsoft Word file and submit it to Blackboard in compliance with the manuscript guidelines. (See the bottom of this page for information on MLA Style.)
 2. Publish your revision as a blog post. In your post, omit the first-page information included in your file submitted to Blackboard (your name, course, section, instructor’s name, and date). Add to your blog post an image that documents some part of your writing process away from the screen, such as a photo of your reading notes or a page of your draft.
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GRADE CRITERIA

An **A** analysis complies with all assignment guidelines, demonstrates a depth of understanding by using relevant and accurate detail, and is also well organized and relatively free of surface errors.

A **B** analysis complies with all assignment guidelines and presents an adequate analysis but examines little more than what was addressed in class. A B analysis is also well organized and relatively free of surface errors.

A **C** analysis complies with most but not all assignment guidelines and may also be flawed by issues of organization and/or surface errors, or more consequential factual errors.

A **D** analysis complies with only a few of the assignment guidelines and may also be flawed by issues of organization and/or surface errors, or more consequential factual errors.

An **F** analysis fails to comply with most or all assignment guidelines and may also be flawed by substantial issues of organization and/or surface errors, or more consequential factual errors.

MLA Style

Look to my sample analysis assignments posted on Blackboard and linked to my blog as models of MLA style. For more information on MLA style, see the MLA Style Center and OWL sites linked to my blog.