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ESL 200 B1: Critical Response Essay 1 (10%)
Due Monday, March 17, at 9:55 a.m.

Your Task

Write a 700- to 1000-word critical response essay on Jamie O’Meara’s “Guns, sex and education” article. You will write this essay by revising and synthesizing your summary, analysis, and personal response assignments.

Please use the following structure:

<p>Introduction (60-80 words)</p>	<p>1 short paragraph (2-4 sentences plus your thesis statement)</p> <p>The Introduction sets the context for your essay. Begin generally by introducing the issue under discussion (i.e. guns and education). Then, introduce the article, author, and author’s thesis (Tip: start this sentence with <i>In “article,” author...</i>). The last sentence of your Introduction must be your thesis statement (major claim). The thesis statement can be written in a similar style to the personal response topic sentence.</p>
<p>Abstract (100-150 words)</p>	<p>1 paragraph</p> <p>An abstract is a shorter version of your summary. For your abstract, paraphrase only the supporting points that you will be discussing in your analysis and response sections (select 3 to 5 supporting points). There is no need to repeat the article title and thesis here since it appears in your introduction. Make sure you make the necessary adjustments to your original summary to ensure that it becomes an abstract AND to ensure that there is a good flow between the introduction of your essay and your abstract.</p>
<p>Objective Analysis (300-400 words)</p>	<p>Multiple paragraphs (at least three)</p> <p>For this section focus on <i>three</i> strategies O’Meara uses to present his argument. You can use the same strategies from your original analysis assignment, or you can choose different ones. No matter what you choose, remember to do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Explain what the strategy is—as well as its purpose, if possible. 2) Assess the strategy for validity (logic/correctness, relevance, representation) and reliability (trustworthiness, consistency). Remember that not all validity and reliability characteristics can be applied to all strategies. Select only the relevant characteristics. 3) Use appropriate terminology (See #7 on Identifying the Parts of a Critical Response Essay handout.)

	<p>Reminder of possible strategies to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational patterns (cause/effect, compare/contrast, narration, counterargument and refutation, etc.) • Evidence (observations, real-life events, history, expert opinions, hypothetical scenarios, facts, ratio of facts to opinions, testimony) <p>You should be using specific paraphrases or direct quotations in this section in order to help you write a detailed analysis. Make sure the paraphrases/direct quotations are brief, and be sure to cite them appropriately.</p>
<p>Personal Response (200-250 words)</p>	<p><i>One or two paragraphs</i></p> <p>This section develops the argument in your thesis statement. Be sure to use topic sentences. Make sure, however, that you don't merely repeat the thesis word-for-word.</p> <p>Express and support <u>your own opinion</u> on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The author's position on the issue (do you agree or disagree?) b) At least two of the author's supporting claims (again, do you agree or disagree with them?) <p>Remember: For this section, you need to provide your own explanations and evidence while conversing with the author. Make this section your own; <u>avoid just regurgitating what the author says!</u></p> <p>Use specific examples. You could draw from your own experience or from scenarios about any people you know or have learned about in the news, magazines, blogs, and/or other media to help you develop your response with significant support.</p> <p>Whenever you refer to information from the article, please cite and quote/paraphrase correctly.</p>
<p>Conclusion (40-70 words)</p>	<p><i>1 very short paragraph</i></p> <p>Your conclusion is essentially an extension of your response. End with a statement (or thought-provoking question) that looks toward the future and brings the essay to a close.</p>

Make sure you satisfy all the requirements described on the ESL 200 – Critical Response Essay Criterion Sheet. This sheet will be used to evaluate your essay.

*You must attach the ESL 200 – Critical Response Essay Criterion Sheet to your assignment when you submit it. Assignments without this criterion sheet attached will not be accepted.