

## Requirements and Recommendations for Editorial/ Position Paper Assignment for Lisa Hager's ENG 1001 Class

**\*bring with you for all peer review sessions, whether inside or outside of class\***

As always be as specific as possible!

### Requirements for Both the Editorial and Position Paper

- Your topic must be debatable (i.e. someone could argue the other side). This also means that you stay away from emotional and moral issues.
- Your writing should be clear and concise, especially in the editorial because of its brevity.
- You must consider what type of audience you are writing for in both parts of the assignment and alter your tone, language, argument style accordingly.
- You must be open to other views on your topic so as to present yourself as an intelligent person rather a crazy extremist.

### Requirements for the Editorial (should be on page 1)

- Your argument should be stated somewhere in the first three sentences of your editorial.
- At most, you will have two paragraphs, so you will not be following the usual structure we have been working on here.
- Your writing here can be a little more “colorful” than usual, but remember not to alienate any key parts of your audience by overly emotional or informal language.
- The editorial is a distilled or “best of” version of the position paper. You should use your strongest arguments and evidence here.

### Requirements for the Position Paper (should start on page 2 and end on page 3)

- This part of the assignment will follow the conventional essay structure (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion).
- Your thesis should clearly state your argument and should be located in the last one or two sentences of your paper.
- You must address counterarguments to your view at some point in your paper.
- You must use at least two of the persuasive techniques listed on pages 59-70 of the *Writer's Resource*.
- The solution that you propose for your problem should be in the last body paragraph(s) of your essay. (i.e. not the conclusion). If your solution is not implied in your problem, then you need to mention it in your thesis.
- Your conclusion should restate your thesis and emphasize the importance of issue.