

ENG 122 Assignment 1, Milestone 1 Guidelines and Rubric

3-2 Writing Plan Draft

Overview: The first final project for this course is the creation of a **writing plan.** Writing is a craft that people spend a lifetime refining, and one that allows people to express themselves in various ways. Effective writing has the ability to shape and inform the opinions of its readers. The ability to articulate a message through writing is essential in any career. Something key to remember is that the writing process is never truly complete.

In this assignment, you will select one of the provided readings and analyze it. Next, you will develop a claim about the information presented in that reading. In the next assignment, you will support that claim through a critical analysis essay. There is no right or wrong claim. It is how you support your claim that makes your essay effective.

Prompt: For this writing plan, you will analyze a reading and develop a claim about the intent of that reading. Once your claim is established, you will use examples from the reading to support your claim throughout your writing plan.

Specifically, the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

- A. Determine the **author's claim** to be addressed in your analysis essay. Your determination of the author's goal must be derived from one of the provided articles.
- B. Determine author's key points and rationale that will be helpful in supporting the validity of your claim.
- C. Identify the audience that will be reading your essay. What potential challenges will you have supporting your claim with this demographic?
- D. Establish your **goal** that you hope to accomplish with your essay. For example, you may disagree with the author and demonstrate why he or she is incorrect, or you may agree but want to further substantiate his or her claim.
- E. Based on your claim, determine potential places where **evidence** would be most effective. Defend your choices. For example, if you disagree with an author's point you would want to use evidence to support your view.
- F. Identify a revision strategy that would be most effective in informing you while writing this essay. Why would this strategy be effective?
- G. How will this essay benefit from receiving feedback from an outside party? How can that feedback be integrated?



Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Your writing plan draft must be 1–2 pages in length. Use double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Author's Claim	Determines a claim to be	Determines a claim to be	Does not determine a claim to	10.67
	addressed in the analysis essay,	addressed in the analysis essay,	be addressed in the analysis	
	and claim is derived from one of	but claim is not derived from	essay	
	the provided articles	one of the provided articles		
Author's Key Points	Determines key points and	Determines key points and	Does not determine key points	10.66
	rationale that will be helpful in	rationale, but key points or	and rationale that will be helpful	
	supporting the validity of the	rationale are cursory or	in supporting the validity of the	
	claim	inaccurate	claim	
Audience	Identifies audience and	Identifies audience but does not	Does not identify audience	10.67
	determines potential challenges	determine potential challenges		
Your Goal	Establishes a goal to be	Establishes a goal for the essay,	Does not establish a goal	10.66
	accomplished with the essay	but goal is not aligned with the		
		essay claim		
Evidence	Determines potential places	Determines places where	Does not determine places	32
	where evidence would be most	evidence would be most	where evidence would be most	
	effective and defends choices	effective but does not defend	effective	
		choices or defense is illogical		
Revision Strategy	Identifies a revision strategy	Identifies a revision strategy, but	Does not identify a revision	10.67
	that would be effective and	does not describe why the	strategy	
	describes why it would be	strategy would be effective or		
	effective	strategy is illogical		
Feedback	Describes how essay can benefit	Describes how essay can benefit	Does not describe how essay	10.67
	from receiving feedback and	from receiving feedback, but	can benefit from feedback	
	how that feedback can be	does not describe how the		
	integrated	feedback can be integrated or		
		description is cursory or		
		contains inaccuracies		
Articulation of Response	Submission has no major errors	Submission has major errors	Submission has critical errors	4
	related to grammar, spelling,	related to grammar, spelling,	related to grammar, spelling,	
	syntax, or organization	syntax, or organization that	syntax, or organization that	
		negatively impact readability	prevent understanding of ideas	
		and articulation of main ideas		
	•		Total	100%