Fall 2018

Reflection Paper Assignment: Due Oct 29, 2018

## Guide for reflecting on the rhetorical situations involved in writing a Position Paper:

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The purpose of the reflection paper is for you to reflect on the writing processes and the rhetorical situations that helped you write your position paper. <u>Please avoid summarizing your paper</u>— the goal of the assignment is to describe and discuss what you learned about writing a position paper, and the process and strategies you used to write your paper—from brainstorming, reading, group work, writing, and so on. Responding to the questions below will help you stay focus on describing your writing process:

- 1. What makes the process of creating a position paper different from an informative review? Consider the primary goal of a position paper and the rhetorical situations you implement to achieve it?
- 2. Who is the primary audience of your position paper and why?
- 3. What is the exigence (motivation/sense of urgency) of your paper's topic and key issues?
- 4. This assignment required you to make concessions and counter-arguments. Describe your strategy for making concession and counterarguments, and provide an example.
- 5. This assignment required at least two scholarly sources that you had to retrieve yourself. How did you find your sources and why did you choose the science articles that you did?
- 6. Describe the strategies you used to identify the motivating issue(s) in the scholarly sources of your paper?
- 7. How did the collaborative and social aspects of this writing assignment help you? (think about how the in-class group exercises and peer-review helped you with this assignment).
- 8. What print and digital technologies, academic databases, archives, etc.) you used as a means to understanding/completing this assignment? (think about Blackboard HW assignment, and the database that you used to retrieve your secondary source(s)).
- 9. Lastly, provide one piece of evidence from your writing to support any one of the claims you make. Use screen caption or quotes from your paper to support our claim.