English 1C / Elwood

ESSAY #1 – The “TDCT” Bauerlein Article – Position/Argument/Critique

PURPOSE:

Bauerlein has strong views about the general lack of preparation of in-coming college students. You are to read his article, annotate and look up words with which you are unfamiliar. Your essay will explain and develop his view and present your position. You may integrate critique as well. Feel free to comment on the way he presents his argument as one of your points. Use Carr’s article to support or refute any part of Bauerlein. Find at least one other article that you can use to support or refute Bauerlien’s view.

Rough Draft due September 10

Final Draft due September 17

EXPECTATIONS:

1. The final draft will be between three-four pages in length. If you write only three pages, you must fill up that third page. Do not expect to get a high grade if you provide the minimum amount of work.

2. We will discuss thesis statements on September 10th. Be willing to make some adjustments to the thesis of your rough draft. Until a paper is ready to be submitted, the thesis is referred to as a working thesis to reinforce the idea that it can change.

3. Essays should have an introduction that is well developed. The thesis statement will be the last sentence of the paragraph.

4. We will discuss quote integration on September 10th. Be able to demonstrate some understanding of the different types of quotes and how to chunk and embed them. I do not expect everyone to understand this concept immediately. It will take practice, but if you follow my method of quote integration, you will be quoting with relative ease soon.

5. The essay should be proof read carefully and exhibit an understanding of proper sentence structure and punctuation.

6. The paper will be in MLA format.

7. The essay will have a works cited page with at least three entries: Baurlien, Carr and another source of your choice. Use my website for tips regarding works cited entries.

8. Bring this assignment sheet with you to the library if you want to work with a Writing Center Tutor.

9. Email me if you have any questions: ElwoodEducation@gmail.com.