

**English 1A – Composition**  
**Fall 2007, San José State University**  
**Section 41: MW 07:30-08:45, SH 239**

**Essay #6 (in-class argumentation)**  
**and**  
**Essay #7 (out-of-class argumentation)**

**Due Date(s):**

- **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:** The IN-CLASS version of Essay #7 (aka Essay #6) – bring a bluebook, dictionary, and (optional) one page of outline/notes if you're so inclined.
- **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:** Bring **THREE** copies of a complete rough draft to class. Outlines, partial essays, and handwritten pages are unacceptable. Simply typing up your Essay #6 is also unacceptable. **You will lose 10 points if you do not participate in the workshop.**
- **Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Bring one copy of your rough draft, all workshop sheets, and one copy of your final essay to class. Additionally, **upload the final version of your essay to TurnItIn.com before coming to class.** Your essay will be considered **late** if you hand the hard copy to me before uploading the electronic copy to TurnItIn.com **OR** if you upload it to TurnItIn.com and do not hand it to me in class.

**Instructions:**

- Essay #7 is a revision of your in-class Essay #6, in which you create a fuller, stronger argument by adding specific details including outside resources if appropriate.
- Be sure your essay follows all the components of a strong argument. Your thesis statement should express your point of view and the body should support your thesis with evidence, reasons, and examples. Do not neglect the opposing argument, and avoid generalizations!
- Refer to the "MLA Document Formatting Guidelines" handout for instructions on creating your essay document. The handout outlines the font type and font size, spacing, and margin requirements, among other information.
- Your essay should be approximately **1000-1200 words** (3-4 typed pages).
- You cannot change topics between Essay #6 and Essay #7. For Essay #6 (and therefore #7), pick one option from the list below:

**Option #1**

In October 2005, Rosa Parks died. In 1955 on a bus in Alabama, Rosa Parks, an African-American, refused to give up her seat to a white passenger, and this action began the legal battle that sparked the Civil Rights Movement. Have the ideas of equality as put forth during the Civil Rights Movement been realized? Is there racial equality in America?

**Option #2**

Some cities have installed video surveillance systems in public areas. Police departments claim that these cameras help them do their jobs more efficiently. Opponents of the cameras say that the police are creating a society that severely compromises the right of personal privacy. Assume that the police department is doing to install cameras in downtown San Jose. Do you agree or disagree? Take a stand and present your views.

**Option #3**

Should college students be required to perform community service as a condition of receiving their degree?