

MacQuarrie
English 300

In-class essay 3

Critical Thinking Essay

In this essay, you will reflect upon the critical thinking skills discussed in the handout I gave you last week. What are the two or three most important critical thinking skills? Explain why they are most important, and give examples of situations in which those skills are most needed. What critical thinking skill or skills are you best at? Which do you need to work on the most?

The essay should be at least 700 words long, but no longer than 1000 words. It should be in MLA format; you should write on every other line; you should be sure to craft a complex and coherent thesis and to remain focused on the thesis throughout; be sure also to transition effectively, especially between paragraphs; beware of comma-splices, run-on sentences, spelling errors, and poor word choices. This essay is open book. You may use a dictionary, a grammar, and the Classical Rhetoric textbook. It would also be smart to incorporate one of the figures of speech listed in the textbook on pp. 377-410, and/or use the handout of rhetorical tropes I gave you last week.

You have one hour and twenty minutes to complete this essay.