

English 1A – Composition
Fall 2006, San José State University
Section 01: MW 07:30-08:45, SH 238

Essay #7 (out-of-class argumentation)

Due Date(s):

- **Wednesday, November 8th:** Bring **THREE** copies of a complete rough draft to class. Outlines, partial essays, and handwritten pages are unacceptable. **You will lose 10 points if you do not participate in the workshop.**
- **Monday, November 13th:** 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.

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 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

In "Down and Out in Discount America" (PCW 659-666), Liza Featherstone outlines her belief that Wal-Mart does a great deal of damage to low-income people. Do you agree with Featherstone's argument? Or, do you believe that the inexpensive goods and services Wal-Mart provides outweighs any problems the company might create?

Option #3

Since the events of September 11th, 2001, the idea of arming pilots of commercial passenger planes has been debated. Those opposed to arming pilots claim that the risks—that a gun will fall into the hands of hijackers or that a passenger will be accidentally shot—outweigh any benefits. Those who support the idea say the pilot is the last line of defense and must be able to defend the cockpit from terrorists. Do you or do you not think all pilots of commercial airplanes should be armed?