

## **Evaluation Essay**

**Assignment:** Write an argument in which you present an opposing value, worth, or ethic of something. Choose a phenomenon to be evaluated that is controversial so that your readers are likely at first to disagree with your evaluation or at least to be surprised by it. (See attached topic suggestions). Somewhere in your essay you should summarize alternative views and either refute them or concede to them. You may choose to argue a categorical evaluation or an ethical evaluation.

You must have at least **three** reputable sources with parenthetical citations and a works cited page.

**Outline:** Friday, April 7

**Rough Draft:** Tuesday, April 11

**Second Draft:** Thursday, April 20 (peer edit and product grade)

**Final Draft:** Friday, April 21

**Potential Topics**—adapted from [www.letterpile.com](http://www.letterpile.com)

### **Sports**

1. Evaluate professional athletes' salaries.
2. Analyze an athlete. Are they overvalued? Undervalued?
3. Evaluate the playoff structure for college football.
4. Evaluate the anti-doping regulations of a particular sport.
5. Evaluate the impact of Title 9 on sports.

### **Pop Culture**

6. Does Hollywood do a good/bad job of portraying women/people of color/minorities?
7. Evaluate a particular composer for movies.
8. Is reality TV good or bad?
9. Evaluate a particular TV news channel for bias.
10. Evaluate TV, video game, or movie ratings systems.

### **College and Careers**

11. Evaluate a particular student loan or scholarship.
12. Evaluate a job or career that interests you.
13. Evaluate health insurance options.

### **Technology**

14. Evaluate a social media site's response to bullying.
15. Evaluate websites for privacy or safety.
16. Evaluate digital textbooks or digital learning platforms.
17. Evaluate laws related to driving while texting.

### **Education**

18. Evaluate charter, military, parochial, boarding, private, or traditional public schools.
19. Evaluate the new SAT
20. Evaluate year round schooling
21. Evaluate standardized testing

### **World Events/Social Justice Issues**

22. Evaluate the United States's response to a natural disaster (the earthquake in Haiti or Japan for example)
23. Evaluate the refugee resettlement program
24. Evaluate capital punishment
25. Evaluate assisted suicide laws
26. Evaluate an organization

