

English 1301: Dual Credit

Purpose

The college introduction essay is the hardest element of the application process. Multiple practice sessions will help put this concept out of your misery.

Guidelines

Step 1: Visit the following link from Roger Ebert reviewing the film *Avatar*: <https://tinyurl.com/y82ylaav>. Notice he avoids providing spoilers, he does provide various examples and reasons to validate his opinions regarding the film. Consider how he makes the reader aware of the particular criteria he uses to judge films.

Step 2: Write a 250-300 word review of your first job.

- How would you rate the experience?
- What would your rating be based on?

Step 3: Declare your overall feelings regarding the job experience.

This is your main value claim. Using either inductive or abductive reasoning, establish your persuasive argument. **Keep in mind:** this situation is *not* a debate, nor a contest between opinions. You want to show objective reactions to your previous experiences. You want to conclude with *probable* closure to the story.

Example:

“It is possible my personality did not suit well for working in a corporate environment.”

Step 4: Develop four criteria for evaluation. Give your opinions for each criterion. Include at least two specific examples to support your evaluations. Be sure to explain (validate) your defense.

Step 5: Double check your tone in the final product. The essay will be graded on how you show an open mind regarding the descriptions and breakdown of the situation. Be sure to treat the full incident “dispassionately,” as if you are observing the job at a distance, not as a participant in the action. Even if you feel you were treated unfairly, or if you felt the job was dull and repetitive, do comment overall it provided some useful experience. Think in terms of building commentary on your resume.

Step 6: Turn in your final draft before end of class in Google Classroom. Present the document in MLA style.