

English 1301

The Division – Classification Essay

Instructions

Following the guidelines in your textbook (page 312), “choose one of the following subjects and write an essay developed wholly or in part through division – classification. Start by determining the purpose of the essay. Do you want to inform, compare and contrast, or persuade? Apply a single, significant principle of division or classification to your subject. Don’t switch the principle midway through your analysis. Also, be sure that the types or categories you create are as complete and mutually exclusive as possible.”

Division

- a) A shopping mall
- b) A video and/or stereo system
- c) A particular kind of team
- d) A school library
- e) A playground, gym, or other recreational area
- f) A significant event
- g) A college campus
- h) A meeting
- i) A television show or movie

Classification

- j) People in a waiting room
- k) Parents
- l) Holidays
- m) Roommates
- n) Students in a class
- o) Summer movies
- p) College courses
- q) Television watchers
- r) Commercials

Your choice of a subject should be determined by your identification of a real audience that would have a natural interest in the discussion.

Development

Your paper should be approximately four to five pages handwritten and should follow the plan for the traditional “thesis-support” essay with a separate introductory paragraph, a body, and a concluding paragraph.

Organize the body of the paper according to either the division or the classification approach. Save your most important discussion for the last part of the body of the paper.

Submission

Submit your essay during the assigned week as an email attachment saved in Microsoft Word only.

Evaluation

Your paper will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- 1) completion of the essay according to these instructions
- 2) demonstration of your ability to organize and develop a paper of division - classification for an appropriate audience
- 3) demonstration of your ability to write a paper that reflects the conventions of standard American written English
- 4) sufficient development to fulfill your purpose and the interests/needs of the audience