**English 80: Essay 1 Self-Reflection**

Reviewing comments left on your essays and thinking critically about the writing process, your areas of weakness and your areas of strength are crucial to your development as a writer and critical thinker. For this self-reflection, you will write a 1-2 page analysis of your essay and the comments that you received.

**GREEN GRADE SHEET BREAK DOWN:**

IDEAS—This category rates the overall strength of your argumentation and logic. It assesses whether you made a clear argument and supported it with sound logic and good evidence.

ORGANIZATION/COHERENCE—This category rates the essay’s overall organization, as well as the coherence of individual paragraphs. Do paragraphs contain clear topic and concluding sentences? Do ideas flow logically from one to the other? Do paragraphs remain focused on one topic? Do arguments relate back to the thesis statement you began with?

SUPPORT—This category rates the overall success of how your argument is supported. This includes evaluating the evidence chosen for its strength in supporting your argument. It also includes evaluating if you are using enough evidence. It also takes into account elements of proper evidence introduction, integration and explanation/analysis.

STYLE—This category rates the overall academic style of the paper. This takes into account elements of formal academic writing, sentence structure, complexity and variety. This also takes into account the appropriateness of your writing for the audience and task at hand.

MECHANICS—This category rates the grammar, spelling, word choice and syntax of your essay.

**Your reflection should:**

1. Be typewritten in MLA format.
2. Be 1-2 pages long
3. Analyze your green grade sheet: Where did you score high? Where did you score low? Why do you think you were successful in some areas and not successful in other areas? What have you learned about yourself as a writer?
4. Read through the comments I left on your paper: What seems to be the biggest issue in your essay? What comments were most helpful in understanding where you need to improve? Quote some particular comments that I left that were especially helpful for you. How will you use these comments to guide your revision or guide your future writing?
5. Finally, reflect on what you will do to improve this essay (if you have to rewrite) or what you could have done better (if you do not have to rewrite). What will you continue to do or continue to work on going forward?