**English 80: Essay 2 Guidelines**

**Prompt:**

Our second unit this semester has focused on the American industrialized food system and its various impacts on the environment, animals, consumers and workers. From the mistreatment of animals in factory farms, to the dangers posed by agriculture to our environment and the workers who raise, butcher and serve our food, our food system has serious flaws that pose a clear danger to the health, safety and wellbeing of the planet.

For E2, you will write an essay that:

1. Identifies one or more flaws or problems in our food production and/or distribution system
2. Argues how/why this part of the system is flawed by outlining its negative effects
   1. You may also want to explore how the flaw has come about (if possible)
3. Suggests ways that the flaws could be fixed or improved upon (based on the research you have done)

**Requirements:**

-Your essay must be a minimum of 4 pages in length (not including the Works Cited page)

-Your essay must be in MLA format

-Your essay must contain a Works Cited page (not included in the minimum page count)

-Your essay must make use of at least 5 sources. Four of these sources must come from the readings or films from our second unit. The fifth source, you will research yourself from the MVC Library’s databases.

-Your essay must contain a minimum of 4 direct quotations

-Your essay must also make use of paraphrase with appropriate in-text citations.

**Due Dates:**

Wednesday 11/16: Introduction Paragraph and one body paragraph (bring 3 copies)

Friday 11/18: Intro Paragraph + 3 body paragraphs (bring 3 copies)

Monday 11/21: Complete Draft E2

Wednesday 11/23: Final Draft E2