**ENG110: Analytic Paper Project**

The purpose of an analytic essay is to both inform your audience *and* analyze your topic in depth to provide some insight. As the authors say in *EAA*, analysis is breaking something down into its parts and examining the parts to understand them and their relationship to the whole (the topic).

A quality analytic essay consists of these **characteristic features**:

* A question/problem that prompts a closer look (purpose)
* Description of/information about the subject
* Evidence from close examination of the topic (research)
* Your insights gained from the analysis (what you learned)
* Clear, precise language

Write an effective analytic essay on one of the following **topics**.

* a specific college you are interested in attending
* an issue commonly faced by freshmen in college
* a specific program or major at a school you might attend
* a specific club or organization at a school you might be interested in joining
* a specific major or career you might be interested in pursuing

If you have an idea for a topic that you’d rather write on, run it by me for feasibility and assignment match.

For your topic, consider both **WHAT** (informative) and **WHY** (analytic). You will be subjective in this paper – your analysis will be influenced by your opinions, observations, and conclusions. Tailor your analysis to aspects or criteria that you feel have value or importance. This is not a persuasive essay; you do not need to argue a position. Instead, state a claim, assertion, or conclusion, and support it with evidence.

**The specifics:**

* **Paper Length:** 1300-1500 words (around 5-6 pages) not including photos, graphs, charts, and citations. Include your **word count** at the end of your paper.
  + Follow all MLA requirements and specific formatting instructions from me.
* Photos, graphs, and charts are encouraged in this document.
* **Participate in peer review.**
* **Revise** using your peer comments and other feedback you receive.
  + **Submit** final copy along with your WNB work and drafts. Order your work this way: Revised essay [with word count], analytic scoring guide, analytic project rubric, drafts with peer/instructor feedback. Tuck inside the cover of your WNB.

**A reminder about Writer’s Notebook assignments:**

Please number and date each entry. Submit them in order. These will be evaluated on thorough and thoughtful completion. Pay attention to the prompt and invest in developing your process.