This week we begin our final essay, and it's an easy one to explain.

Select any Viewpoints essay you haven't already written about and write a summary-and-response essay using one of the *Pursing Possible Essay Topics* suggested at the end of the essay you choose.

Be sure your essay's introductory paragraph includes the five elements we've practiced: the *author* of the essay you are using, the *name* of the essay, a brief *summary* of the essay, a *transition* to your thesis, and your *thesis sentence*.

Also, please be sure to blend the author's words and ideas with your own when appropriate (and for practice) and follow MLA guidelines exactly to document them. For help and review, please read the revised *Citing Viewpoints Essays* in this week’s assignments folder. In addition, please provide a proper MLA Works Cited page entry at the end of your essay.

**Because the completed essay is due next week, there will be no writing groups for this essay. By now we should be competent editors of our own work.**

Please note: Since this is the final essay, it should demonstrate your mastery of the skills we've learned and practiced throughout the quarter. Because of this, satisfactory grades will be awarded only to those essays that demonstrate a mastery of all course concepts that we've covered.

**An essay can earn up to 100 points.**

One note—once you give the author’s full name in your introduction, refer to him or her by last name only throughout the rest of your essay.

Instead of submitting your final copy through ANGEL, please print out and bring a final, double-spaced gradable copy to our end-of-the-quarter meeting. If you would also like to include this final essay in your Portfolio, please bring a second copy for that.