

## Evaluation Argument (Value claim thesis) assignment

Step one is to choose a subject. The problem that you perceive as an author is that people (your audience) don't agree with your ***aesthetic or moral based opinion*** on one of the following subjects. You will be arguing that your *opinion* is better than your audience's and trying to get the audience to change their minds to agree with your *opinion*. The assignment will fulfill course outcomes 1,2,3,4, and 7 from the syllabus. Choose one of the following subjects to evaluate.

A controversial musician or band or song

A controversial athlete

President Barack H. Obama

College tuition rises

Ellensburg, WA

A controversial author or writing

Media's effect on body image

A controversial sculpture or painting

Online "Revenge" Pornography

Step two is to choose your value word for the paper's thesis (your overall opinion to argue). I want you to use a word or words from the list below because the following words are very vague and can be defined a number of ways during your paper. This will hopefully give you more freedom to play with definition methods.

Immoral

Terrific

Degrading

Terrible

Beautiful

Hideous

Asinine

Uplifting

Amoral

Obtuse

Moral

Effective

Once you construct your thesis, you need to define your value word in the body of your paper using at least three definition methods (first part of the pro body). Then you need to match the subject to the definition using at least two pieces of research (second part of the pro body). You need a con argument also containing one piece of research that disagrees with your thesis. The paper needs standard introduction and conclusion sections and a Works Cited page. The paper length should be around four-six pages, typed and double spaced.