WRITING ASSIGNMENT 2: (due at the beginning of class, Thurs., Nov. 29)

1. You have been given an anonymous copy of a term paper by one of your classmates, on a topic different from the one you chose yourself. In this assignment, you will act as a critic and editor of your fellow student’s draft. To complete this assignment, you need to do the following:

2. Read the draft carefully and try to understand what the author is trying to convey.

3. Edit the draft directly, correcting problems with grammar and spelling, and indicating places with awkward, confusing, or ambiguous wording. Use a red or green (or other-colored) pen or pencil for your corrections. See your own edited first draft for examples.

4. Write a 2 or 3-page critique (no abstract this time) of the writing of this article, drawing on our list of criteria for evaluating a paper’s content, organization, execution, and style. (See earlier handouts for details.) This critique will itself be graded as a writing assignment.

5. Turn this assignment in on time. Homework rules apply (see first-day handout).