

**ESSAY 4: Flip-Flops**

**First Draft**

**Due: Tues, 3/21**

(1 email copy by 8am + 1 copy to class)

First Draft:

Though flip-flops might seem like a silly topic, there are actually many different arguments to be made surrounding these shoes. You brainstormed today on this topic to arrive at a tentative focused argument. Over the weekend, write a draft of your argument. Keep in mind all of our discussions about logical arguments, using details and supporting with evidence.

If you need help with further brainstorming, see the Invention sections that we've already discussed. These will give you a type of argument to work on: You may want to craft your argument using: the Past, Meaning, Value (social worth), Arguing Argument (who's right?) or Hidden Arguments.

Evidence:

Avoid any outside resources other than a dictionary. Instead, use textual reference & explication (explain & connect), allusions (allude to other situations beyond text), denotations/connotations, personal testimony, appeals to logic (logical line of reasoning), appeals to value (link particular claims) – very similar to the support used in our readings. These are all pieces of support that will be common knowledge for your reader.

Writing Notes:

We've been keeping a list of "Common Mistakes" dealing with both mechanical (grammar, punctuation, etc.) and stylistic (details, topic sentences, etc.) points. For this draft, pay special attention to editing your first and last paragraphs: Please remember that your first paragraph should contain a very brief introduction as well as your thesis statement. Your concluding paragraph should not summarize the main points in the essay but should hint at your thesis and any thoughts beyond. (Read Mauk & Metz 210 for hints on writing an effective conclusion.)

Submission:

Email your first draft to me by 8am on Tuesday (3/21). Attach the file as a Word or WordPerfect document. Bring 1 copy to Tuesday's class to workshop. That workshoped first draft (and your brainstorming notes) will be submitted with your final draft of Essay 4. Failure to bring a copy to class or to email your draft on time will result in the normal late penalties (see course policies).

Page Length: 1000 words (approx. 3pp)

Administrative Notes:

- ▶ This assignment needs to be typed, double-spaced with one inch margins.
- ▶ Type your name, the date and First Draft, Essay 4 on your written assignment.
- ▶ Type your name and the page number in the upper right corner of every page.
- ▶ Give this exercise an original title (of your creation).
- ▶ Staple the pages together. (DO NOT FOLD OR PAPERCLIP YOUR PAGES.)
- ▶ Proofread everything before you turn it in. There should be no spelling or typographical errors.