

Final Exam Instructions and Rubric:

You will write an Op-Ed style essay in response to one of the articles in *The Norton Reader*. (“An Animal’s Place”; “What Should a Billionaire Give...”; “Is Coding the New Literacy”).

Your essay should demonstrate the following:

1. Your understanding of the text (summary)
2. Your opinion and interpretation of the article (your thesis).
3. Your ability to make an original argument of your own in which you support your points with logical reasoning and specific examples from the text (support of thesis)
4. The use of rhetorical strategies such as narration, description, illustration, compare/contrast, humor, anecdotes, analogy, personal examples, etc. (connection to audience).
5. Use of language that is conversational and respectful in tone as if you are addressing the author (in letter form).
6. Concise language, grammatically correct sentences, and evidence of editing skills (grammar and punctuation).
7. Logical organization/structure as you present your ideas.

Good luck!