ENG 043 Unit 1 Essay – Exemplification

Using the three summary/response paragraphs you already wrote, compose a five paragraph essay reflecting on the theme you chose in the three readings. Each of the readings should be an example of the theme you’ve chosen. Some examples of themes include conflict, lessons learned from each story, responsibility, arguments, etc.

You should apply the concepts that we’ve discussed so far in the class: the structure of writing, thesis, topic sentences, audience, tone, paragraph development and purpose. Your purpose is to inform and your audience is a general, college age reader. You should revise the paragraphs you’ve already written by addressing my comments. For additional help, please see a tutor in the Writing Center (room 409).

Grading criteria are based on the six-level English rubric – purpose and audience, organization, development, and language. Contained within each category are the specific grading criteria for this assignment:

Purpose and audience:
- a clear thesis that shows your purpose
- tone and diction that are appropriate for a college level audience

Organization
- an introduction that provides some background and mentions the specific articles you will use in the essay
- clear topic sentences that create coherence in the essay
- a conclusion that sums up the main points of your essay

Development
- sufficient summaries and detailed responses to the readings

Language:
- good revisions of your first complete draft, addressing grammar, spelling and sentence structure.

Other:
- mandatory peer review which is specific and helpful to your classmate

Each category is worth 5 points for a total of 25 points. Your letter grade will be determined by dividing the number of points you receive by 25, for example 20 points out of 25 equals 80 B-.

Other requirements:

Essays must be typed, double spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font. They should be revised and proofread. This essay is worth 25% of your overall grade for the course, so I expect that it will represent your best work and your most professional presentation.