

Engl 1B, Fall 2005  
First Essay: Essay Assignment  
Due: Thursday, Sept 29th

You have had a chance to try out thesis statements and opening paragraphs, so now it is time to bring a little closure to this section of the course with a short essay—about 1000 words (four pages, typed and double spaced) on some subject relating to the debate between the theories of evolution and intelligent design. You can focus on any aspect of that debate, providing your essay meets the following requirements:

1. You must quote at least twice from the course readings in this section. (You can quote from other sources if you wish, though that is not a requirement for this paper, but even if you do, you must still quote at least twice from the five class readings.) Since we have yet to cover quoting, citing, and documenting sources, please just cite the author's last name and page number for the quotation parenthetically afterwards: "Whatever is, is right" (Pope 8).
2. You must have an argumentative thesis—that is, your thesis statement (besides the other elements listed in your handbook and on the thesis assignment) must attempt to prove something, and not just summarize, explain, or compare.
3. You must submit a file containing your essay online at [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com) by the due date. To do so, you will need to create a user account and join the class list (you may want to do this before you actually submit the paper, just to be sure you will not run into difficulties); to prevent problems, I will give you the course number and password in class. Papers will not be considered complete, and will not be marked, until they are submitted online.

When you hand in your essay, please re-submit both the thesis and the opening paragraph assignments, so I can check on your progress in developing those parts of your essay. Contact me if you have any questions.