ESSAY 4: EDITORIALIZING
Writing Exercise 4
Due: Tues 11/8

You have now had the opportunity to identify, discuss, review and write about several editorials (of varying
types). Now, it’s time for you to find your own editorials. Choose 3 recent editorials that really stand out,
grab your attention or create an immediate reaction for you. Find editorials from either the print or the web
version of the newspaper that are less than 2 weeks old. (Make sure that they are editorials!) Use the
following newspapers as your sources. Many of them require registration, but it is at no cost to you. (All of
these sites are easily clickable from our course website’s Schedule).

Spartan Daily
http://www.thespartandaily.com/

San Jose Mercury News

San Francisco Chronicle
http://www.sfchron.com/

New York Times
http://topics.nytimes.com/top/opinion/editorialsandoped/index.html

Washington Post
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/linkset/2005/05/30/LI20050530000331.html

Each of the national newspapers prints approximately 4-5 editorials per edition. However, those might not
appear on the web version. King Library holds copies of some of these newspapers in print form (ask at
the front desk).

After you have found your 3 editorials, think about how you would respond to these editorials. For this
exercise, write a 500-word response for each editorial. Respond directly to the editorial itself, as if you
were debating its points. Attach your two editorials to your writing exercise and include a Works Cited
page. (See Hacker for a newspaper entry in the Works Cited.)

Page Length: 1500 words + Works Cited page

Administrative Notes:
› This assignment needs to be typed, double-spaced with one inch margins.
› Type your name, the date and the exercise or draft number 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.

Writing Tips
› Use details & analyze them.
› Analyze personal experience.
› Unless using PE, avoid I, we, us, our.
› Avoid run-on & fragment sentences.
› Make sure each sentence connects to the next.
› Place punctuation inside quotation marks.
› Use signal phrases to introduce a quote.
› Include author/title in that quote’s introduction.
› Analyze/discuss/connect the quote to your idea.
› Use MLA in-text citation method.
› Avoid word sentences (simplify).
› Use appropriate language (avoid clichés & slang).