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ETT 101 Intro to ET
Spring 2013

Essay 1

In this assignment you will refine the assignment given in homework 2. You will apply critical thinking to the problem of how to become a better student and why this is important to you. The purpose of this assignment is to produce critical thinking of high quality.

Please use 8-elements and standards as tools for your reasoning, to guide your reasoning rather than to substitute your reasoning. You can interweave different elements in your reasoning to make the flow of reasoning smoother and to make your reasoning stronger. Instead of listing information that you might use, you actually have to use information in your reasoning and state the sources of your information.

- The length of your essay must be at least 600 words.
- You have to apply SEE-I (state, elaborate, example and illustrate) principle to improve your reasoning.
- After you finish, go over your reasoning and evaluate it applying the standards of critical thinking, and revise your writing (you do not have to write a separate evaluation of your reasoning, you use this evaluation to reflect on your analysis and improve it):
 1. Is my reasoning clear? Have I elaborated enough? Have I found good examples? Have I given an illuminating illustration (analogy, metaphor, graph, figure, etc.)?
 2. Is my reasoning accurate? Is this in accord with (a) the best knowledge I have, (b) the findings of the discipline, or (c) reliable sources? Do I need to check this out?
 3. In my reasoning, have I focused on what is most important or relevant, given my purpose and the question at issue?
 4. Have I reasoned this through enough? Have I left out crucial steps? Have I jumped to conclusions? Are there other issues to consider?
 5. In my reasoning have I looked beneath the surface? Have I taken into account other relevant perspectives? (These questions address DEEP and BREADTH standards).
 6. Is my reasoning precise enough? Do I need more details? Do I need more exactness?



Due: Sunday, 4/14/2013, by 9:00am.

Naming: Your essay must be in Word document: essay1LastFirst.doc (where Last and First are your last and first names).

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