

### How to Revise Your Diagnostic Essay:

- 1) Read over our comments and see if you understand our suggestions. Re-read the instructions in how to organize your essay. The instructions mirror the HIT formula we will discuss in class today.
- 2) Be sure to introduce the story by author and “Title” and explain what it is about before you quote from it. Use the quote in context and explain who the speaker is by name and title.
- 3) Use only a one-sentence quote that is attributed to the speaker and the story. Be sure to use the page number from the article in the in-text citation. Example: According to the story, Bud the parrot keeps repeating, “Don’t f---ing shoot!” (A3).
- 4) For Eng 2, type your essays and papers in 12-point Times New Roman font, ideally in Microsoft Word. Type your revision in MLA format, including a header with a page number, and include a Works Cited page as part of the document. For this assignment, you will have only one source to cite, so the correct title of this page will be Work Cited. We expect you to cite the newspaper article as if you were reading a print version of it, so follow the new 2016 MLA guidelines that we discuss in class today.
- 5) Add a creative title that ties in with your thesis or argument.
- 6) Add a Word Count at the end of the essay. Count the words from your title to the last line of the actual essay and do not include the Work Cited page or entry in your word count. Your word count should be 300-325 words.
- 7) Print a copy of your revised essay and turn this in with any drafts, the initial draft you wrote in class, and the article. You will turn all of this in at the start of class on Wednesday.
- 8) Create a Turnitin account and submit your revision, including the Work Cited page as part of the document, by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25.

### Some MLA reminders:

- “The Main Words in Titles of Articles Are Capitalized.”
- The names of publications, such as *Los Angeles Times*, are italics. (In Eng 2, no underlines are used.)
- MLA does not use bold type.
- Use a hanging indent for your Work Cited entry.
- Buy the recommended Eng 2 MLA guide to help you.