Justifying an Evaluation

**Rough Draft Due**: March 21, 2018 (in class)

**Final Draft Due**: March 26, 2018 (in class)

**Length**: 800 words, minimum

**Other Requirements**: MLA format; typed in a 12 point font, and double-spaced with 1 inch margins

**The Assignment**

Write an essay evaluating a subject (such as a film, video game, music album, or a restaurant).

You will support your evaluation, using criteria (standards of value) that readers will be likely to agree are appropriate for judging the subject. You must also include research in your essay.

**Goals**

Your purpose is to convince your readers to see your evaluation as valid and to agree with it. To do so, you must:

1. clearly define your subject
2. use appropriate standards of value to evaluate your subject
3. support your judgement with details from the “text”
4. if possible, consider and respond to objections and alternative judgments
5. use research to develop your essay and argument

**Research Component**

Somethings you might want to research for your essay are:

1. your subject
2. the company or owner for your subject
3. what others have said about your subject
4. all of the above for subjects comparable to yours

**Basic Features**:

* A Well-Presented Subject
* A Well-Supported Judgement
* An Effective Response to Objections and Alternative Judgements
* A Clear, Logical Organization