

Lens Essay Outline Exercise

Lens: a concept, key term, or critical framework that has explanatory power.

Exhibit: a situation, current event, or other object of analysis, for which you need a lens.

Can you put the middle paragraphs into a logical order?

Introduction: sets up **question or problem** you have with your exhibit, and what you hope to discover using your lens

-Paragraph addressing any **counterarguments**

-Paragraph exploring how **exhibit might trouble/raise skeptical questions about Carr/Shirky's** definition of lens

-Paragraph describing lens: its **original context, how Carr or Shirky uses it**

-Paragraph **applying** lens to your exhibit

-Paragraph describing exhibit, **highlighting its troubling/interesting/question-raising feature**

Conclusion: **restating your core ideas creatively**. Revisit an image, a narrative, or a quote from either your lens text or your exhibit text.