ENG 1102 **First Draft Due:** 9/21 (Tuesday)

Fordham University, Fall 2021 **Second Draft Due:** 9/28 (Tuesday)

**Final Draft Due:** 10/12 (Tuesday)

Paper 1: This I No Longer Believe

For your first paper, you will write a piece of persuasive creative nonfiction (4 pages or more) about one of your own beliefs. The “This I Believe” essay is a common genre for ENG 101 students to read and write. However, I am asking you to write about a belief that **you no longer have**, or a belief that has **changed significantly** over time. Your paper should **tell the story** of how you came to hold your original belief and then what made you change your belief and why.

In your paper, you should:

* Use a consistent authorial voice throughout your paper (tone, style, etc.) OR make deliberate shifts in voice to serve your purpose as a writer
* Provide rough translations of any non-English or slang words your monolingual, millennial professor might not understand (remember your audience!)
* Provide vivid sensory description of your experiences that enables the reader to picture the events in their mind’s eye (and mind’s ear, tongue, skin, nose, etc.)
* Create a narrative arc OR deliberately use some other narrative structure to serve your purpose as a writer
* Leave the reader with a clear sense of what you no longer believe and why
* Articulate your logical/factual reasons for why you changed your belief AND the personal events that led to your change in belief
* Format the paper and document sources as needed using MLA, APA, or Chicago style **(stylistic accuracy will be ungraded, but any sources used MUST be cited in your best attempt at your chosen formatting style)**

Example Topics From Past Student Papers:

* Change in religion
* Change in a particular belief about alcohol or drugs
* Change in a particular belief about LGBTQ+ issues
* Stopped believing in Santa Claus (this student was trying to troll me, but he actually did a great job)
* Change in opinion on the death penalty
* Change in career goal
* Change in a particular belief about relationships
* Change in belief about abortion

**Rubric: TBD through class discussion across both the R13 and R14 sections**