Essay 1: Summary and Response

**Rough Draft Due**: September 24, 2019 (in class)

**Final Draft Due**: September 26, 2019 (via Blackboard)

**Revision Packet Due**: One week after the graded essay is returned to you (date to be announced in class)

**Length**: 750 words, minimum

**Value**: 20% total (15% essay + 5% revision packet)

**Note**: The revision packet (revision plan, significantly revised essay, and reflective paragraph) is required. If you do not complete the revision packet, you will get a “0” for the entire essay.

For this essay, you will imagine that you have been hired by City Tech to write an article for the newest edition of *The Companion for the First Year at City Tech*. Your assignment is to write an essay that will use your personal experiences to help new students at City Tech adapt to college life. You will choose to write an essay that summarizes either “6 Things You Should Say to Your Professor” or “5 Things You Should Never Say to Your Professor” and then responds to the author’s ideas with your own ideas and personal experiences.

**If you choose “6 Things You Should Say to Your Professor” by Ellen Bremen**, write an essay that summarizes the article and then answers the question: How should students develop a positive relationship with their professors?

In your body paragraphs you should describe one positive relationship that you have had with a teacher. How did communication impact that relationship in a positive way? Did you follow the advice Bremen gives or did you use other strategies to communicate with your teacher? If you like, instead of referring to a situation in your own experience, you may write about a situation described in something you’ve read or watched. In the course of writing your essay, you must state clearly the point of Bremen’s article, discuss how it compares to what you have experienced, and keep in mind that you are giving advice to new college students based on your experiences.

**If you choose “5 Things you Should Never Say to Your Professor” by Jorie Scholnik** write an essay that summarizes the article and then answers the question: What should students avoid doing in order to maintain a positive relationship with their professors?

In your body paragraphs you should describe one instance in which you said or did something to a teacher that negatively impacted your relationship with them. How did your action/words impact that relationship in a negative way? What was the outcome? Explain how your actions were similar to or different from those described by Scholnik. If you like, instead of referring to a situation in your own experience, you may write about a situation described in something you’ve read or watched. In the course of writing your essay, you must state clearly the point of Scholnik’s article, discuss how it compares to what you have experienced, and keep in mind that you are giving advice to new college students based on your experiences.