

***Worldchanging* Response Essays**

Overview: Upon completing each reading assignment in each section of our text *Worldchanging* you will select one article in that section to respond to. Alternatively you may select a newer article to respond to from the worldchanging.com website (it should be from the same section as the readings). Essays should express a clear response to something that caught your interest in your chosen article and be well structured. This includes:

- a clear thesis statement in the first paragraph (find a topic in the article that you have a definite opinion about and to which there is likely to be opposing views)
- in following paragraphs include evidence that supports your claim using reason to connect your evidence to your thesis
 - each paragraph starts with a clear topic sentences
 - other sentences in the paragraph support this topic sentence
- a conclusion.

DUE: Due dates for each essay will be announced in class and on the daily blog. The first essay from the “Stuff” section is due Wednesday April 8, 2009. Each essay should be uploaded to the Blackboard website before class on the due date.

Format: Each essay will be 300-500 words, in 12-point font, double spaced, with 1 inch margins.

Grading: Each essay will be graded on a 10 point scale. The focus will be on clear structure with efficient and appropriate content (e.g. including appropriate support of claims and avoiding extraneous information).