



Sample Peer-Editing Assignment: The 2000 Election

Objective:

- Students, using a class reading and an interview, will be able to write a short paper describing a fellow student's views on the controversy over the 2000 Presidential election.

Points possible: 20

Due date: March 22 at 11:55 p.m. (Pacific time)

Steps:

1. You will work in pairs for this peer-editing assignment. Partners will be as follows: Jerry and George, Martin and Tommy, Elaine and Estelle, etc.
2. Read the assigned article on the controversy over the 2000 Presidential election.
3. Interview your partner by email to determine his or her opinions on the election. Ask questions such as:
 - a. Did you vote, and if so, whom did you vote for? Why?
 - b. Do you think Gore should have contested the election? Why or why not?
 - c. If you were Gore, what would you have done after apparently losing by a very small margin on Election Night?
 - d. What effect, if any, do you think the legal challenges to the election will have on the U.S. political system? Why?
 - e. Ask any other questions that you can come up with.
4. Write up your interview in no more than 2 paragraphs. Do this in a word processor so you can spellcheck it. Copy your work, then paste it into an email.
5. Send the email to your partner.
6. When you receive your partner's email, edit the story for spelling, grammar, and accuracy errors. Make any other suggestions you feel will improve your partner's work. Be sure that your revisions are clearly marked. You might want to use ALL CAPS for revisions (it will not be considered shouting for this assignment), or use asterisks or bold type. If you use bold, you might need to put the html tag `` before your comments and `` after your comments.
7. When finished editing, email the story back to your partner.
8. When you receive your edited work, revise your work into a final draft to submit to me, the instructor. Communicate with your partner, asking for any clarifications as necessary.
9. Email me your final draft for a grade. In the Subject line of your email, type "2000 Election".
10. Your story will be graded based on the writing rubrics established at the beginning of the semester.

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