**Anderson/English 102-T20**

**Project 1—Op-Ed Piece**

**OP-ED/: 750-1000 words long with an effective title**

**Rough Draft with research notes due Tuesday, March 22 for group review**

**Revised Peer Review Draft due Thursday, March 24 (bring 2 printed copies)**

**Draft for Grading Due on Tuesday, March 29 (in 2-pocket folder)**

This assignment makes use of argumentive and persuasive writing. It asks you to write a **well-informed (researched)** paper on a current local, national, or global controversy.

Op-ed pieces and Letters to the editor these are found opposite the editorial section (Op-Ed) of a newspaper or magazine. An op-ed piece is a longer, more developed work. This kind of writing is opinionated, written to persuade an audience on a timely issue, and **uses evidence** to support its claims. You can find many examples in local and national newspapers and magazines and in college newspapers. We have been discussing things that affect our society such as our treatment of the planet or the wealth gap and how these can be interrelated. Now you will work on researching and writing your own piece. You should think about your audience: who are you trying to persuade and how will you persuade them to think about the topic? Where would you publish your op-ed (*The Comment*? A local or national newspaper? An on-line newspaper?). You must use at least **two credible sources** to support your stance on the issue. You will cite these at the end of your op-ed.

See above for the due dates.

While you may choose your own approved topic, suggestions for topics include the following:

1. Why should we be concerned about war in the 21st century?
2. How does the wealth gap grow during inflation?
3. Climate change affects everyone
4. What is our responsibility to one another to ensure equity?
5. Is the United States still a democracy?
6. How might a gift economy change our habits?