How to Write a Great DWA Paper

Introduction:

- Clear and concise thesis
- Sets framework for the rest of essay

Body:

- Firm, guiding topic sentences
- 3 pieces of evidence
- Analysis is key to making evidence relevant

Conclusion:

- Recap of introduction with extending “so what?” that makes the paper an important piece of work

Tips:

- Do not just restate prompt in your introduction. Build off of prompt in a new direction
- Consider applicable theories you’ve learned in class
- Make sure your topic sentences relate back to and support your thesis
- It is often good to include enemy paragraph before 1st body to consider other thoughts in the field that may contradict your argument
- Avoid passive voice
- Plan ahead! Brainstorming, outlines, and plenty of research are great preparation for a solid paper!

Citation:

- Chicago format is typical, but follow professor’s request and be consistent!
- Cite all references that are not general knowledge
  http://departments.oxy.edu/cae/writing/index.html

Research:

- Use class notes as a starting point
- Resources such as: Jstor, ProQuest, and LexisNexis are great
- Utilize the librarians and their knowledge of Oxy’s collection of sources
- Search key terms for best results