Essay Assignment Three

Monday Sept. 30 – Brainstorming Sheet Due
Wed. and Fri. Oct. 2 – 4 – Thesis due in Conference
Monday Oct. 7 – Outline due
Friday Oct. 11 – Draft due; Full workshop
Monday Oct. 14 – Essay Three Due

Choose one of the following Prompts:

1. Identify one subject on which you consider yourself an authority, and then write an essay outlining the best method of teaching this subject to other people. To establish your criteria for successful education, quote and analyze passages from Feynman or Freire.

   Note: This prompt is NOT asking you to teach me about your subject of expertise. This prompt is asking you to use the ideas of Feynman and Freire and make an argument for effective education.

2. Paulo Freire and Richard Feynman both talk about the negative consequences of implementing a system of "banking education," in which an instructor simply deposits knowledge into students' brains. Choose one class you've taken that is a good example of banking education, and do one of the following:

   A. Explain why and how the class failed. You might develop your thesis by considering what and how much you and your classmates learned, what the classroom environment was like and what changes would make the class more effective. Use quotes from Freire or Faynman to support your ideas.

   OR

   B. Explain why and how the class was effective. You might develop your thesis by considering what and how much you and your classmates learned and what the classroom environment was like. Be sure to make it clear why you disagree with Freire's or Feynman's concerns with the "banking system."

3. Okakok describes how a culture's values play an important role in education. Identify a cultural value (individuality, honesty, self-respect, hard work, etc.) that influences American education in a negative way, OR identify a cultural value that does not influence American education but would have a positive impact if it did. Write an essay arguing why the cultural value you chose is helpful or destructive to our educational system.
Essay 3 Details:

- This is a fully developed and organized essay with an introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion. I want to see that you can present a central claim (thesis statement) and support it with evidence.
- Please note that these prompts ask you to draw ideas from and quote one of the essays we have read in Reading the World. That said, no outside research is needed.
- This essay should be typed double space and follow MLA formatting conventions (found on page 583 of the Bedford Handbook)
- This essay should be 2 – 3 pages long

Brainstorming Assignment

Reading the World (pages 571-574) talks about three different methods of generating ideas:

1. freewriting
2. clustering
3. brainstorming

For this assignment you should choose a method of generating ideas from RW 571-574 and use it to generate ideas for TWO of the essay prompts. Once you have generated your ideas you should write a brief reflection describing how effective the process was. The idea generating may be written out by hand or typed. The reflection letter should be typed.

WHAT IS DUE:
1. TWO idea generating exercises (typed or handwritten)
2. one reflection on the process (TYPED)

WHEN IT’S DUE: Monday Sept. 30, 2013