Applied Representational Analysis

First Draft Assignment for Essay 2

Due Thursday, October 2 in three copies. Three double-spaced pages.

This is a self-reflective critical narrative.

Apply Paolo Friere's ideas about education to a particularly good, or a particularly bad, educational experience you have had. Assess whether, and to what extent, you agree with Friere's argument, based on the analysis of your experience. Demonstrate that you have understood what he has to say.

The best experiences are those that are vivid in your memory, for whatever reason, from your toddler years to college. I want you to concentrate on a single experience in careful detail, so the experience should be defined rather narrowly. In other words, talking about standardized high school testing is too broad, even restricted to your won experience, but talking about how a particular standarized test affected you is probably the right size. Talking about years of Spanish acquisition is too broad, but talking about a particular teacher or a peculiar lesson should serve you well. A political conflict at your school, like teachers on strike, school closings, or suspicious firings, would also form a workable topic.

You do not need a Works Cited page for this assignment, unless you bring in sources other than Friere and Pratt (You do not need to cite Pratt.). You do need in-text citations. Please come up with an original title for the essay.