

# Applied Representational Analysis

## Second Draft Assignment for Essay 2

*Due Thursday, October 16 in three copies. Three double-spaced pages.*

This research assignment may be based on the same topic as First Draft, but it does not have to be. This time, you are asked to avoid personal experience, even if such experience led you to become interested in the topic.

*Take a position on a contemporary conflict in education* that can be analyzed in the terms discussed by Friere, Pratt, and/or Foucault. Make sure not to focus too broadly, so that you can go into the conflict in detail. The following is not an exhaustive list, but a series of suggestions: a particular aspect of No Child Left Behind, a public disagreement on pedagogy at any teaching level, a particular aspect of the ongoing conflict in Chicago Public Schools (CPS), a school shooting, a conflict between a school board and parents, or a professor fired because of her or his political views.

You need to locate one news article and one scholarly article on the conflict. LexisNexis and Access World News are databases dedicated to news articles, though news can be found in other places. Infotrac and Academic Search Complete are useful databases for finding scholarly articles. ERIC is an education-specific database that might also be helpful.

In asserting your position on the conflict, assess the claims of both the news article and the scholarly article (this is particularly interesting when the scholarly article critiques news coverage).

This assignment calls for a Works Cited page. Page 146 of *A Pocket Style Manual* explains how to reference a database. You will also need to include the essay(s) you cite from *Ways of Reading*. Please come up with an original title for the essay.