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### **AGS Summer Reading Assignment**

Bateman, Christopher. "A Step Back for Women's Rights." *The Hive*, Vanity Fair, 24 Feb. 2016, [www.vanityfair.com/news/2008/04/a-step-back-for](http://www.vanityfair.com/news/2008/04/a-step-back-for). Accessed 20 Aug. 2017.

**Subject:** The author of this piece is interesting because it is a man covering a story over women's rights. His perspective as a male proves the main idea in the text, that men and women should equally support women's rights. He has a history of writing pro-democratic articles and

**Occasion:** In the time this was written, Obama had not yet become president and his involvement in this case was to prove his capability. Civil rights had just began to surface as an issue, and has continued to be a relevant issue to this day.

**Audience:** Vanity Fair has a primarily woman-based readership, meaning this piece would be mainly directed towards women. The women that read Vanity Fair are also typically older, so it would be reasonable to say they are politically involved.

**Purpose:** This piece was written in order to inform about a contemporary issue that has historical relevance. This was also written in order to persuade readers to take his side on the issue of women's rights and equal pay.

**Subject:** The main subject of this piece is the court case of Lilly Ledbetter on the issue of unequal pay. The subject as a whole is America's growth and development of women's rights.

**Tone:** The author's attitude towards the subject could be described as respectful but urgent. His tone causes the reader to grasp the severity of the topic.

Oyeniyi, Doyin . “Native Americans Continue The Fight To Stop The Trans-Pecos Pipeline In West Texas.” *Texas Monthly*, 2 Feb. 2017, [www.texasmonthly.com/energy/native-americans-continue-fight-stop-trans-pecos-pipeline-west-texas/](http://www.texasmonthly.com/energy/native-americans-continue-fight-stop-trans-pecos-pipeline-west-texas/). Accessed 18 Aug. 2017.

**Speaker:** The speaker of this piece is an African American woman, a clear candidate for an anti-Trump supporter. She has a history of writing other environment related articles, as well as articles arguing against Trump. This background information leads the reader to conclude that her bias is against the president.

**Occasion:** The piece was published about two months after Trump was inaugurated, a time filled with protests against the newly appointed president. This was written after the initial, more commonly known protest of the Dakota Access pipeline. This was written now in order to bring attention to lesser known protests on the same issue. Set in West Texas, there would be a larger support for the pipeline’s construction as it generates income for local business.

**Audience:** The targeted audience of this piece are Texans. Texas, being a Republican state, would mostly be in favor for the orders made by Trump. This piece being published in the Texas Monthly gives insight to the opposition of the majority of the area’s opinion. For the democrats in Texas, this would raise awareness to a possibly unfamiliar cause in order to gain support.

**Purpose:** This piece was written in order to inform. In the time of Trumps presidency, many controversial issues have surfaced and it is the role of the media to share both sides of the story.

**Subject:** In this piece, the subject is protecting the environment and respecting Native American culture. Members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe make up the main protesting group of the Trans-Pecos Pipeline, their motivation being that “it’s [their] job to help preserve and take care of and nurture those things that are around [them]” (3).

**Tone:** The author lacks any tone words, but more blatantly describes one side of the story. The effect of this is an established appearance of credibility due to her use of facts and absence of opinions.

Perez, Tom. "Trump is breaking the federal government's promises to Native Americans." *Los Angeles Times*, 7 Aug. 2017, [www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-perez-native-american-indians-trump-20170807-story.html](http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-perez-native-american-indians-trump-20170807-story.html). Accessed 18 Aug. 2017.

**Speaker:** The speaker of this piece, Tom Perez, is chairman of the Democratic National Committee. His bias against Trump is clear from the first sentence. He is a well educated white male and before he was chairman of the DNC, he was the U.S. Labor Secretary.

**Occasion:** There has been no break of criticism against Trump since his inauguration in January. The relative recentness of this shows the continuation for general disdain for the Trump administration. It was written after the initial controversy of the Dakota Access Pipeline, but it adds on to the topic of unfair treatment towards Native Americans.

**Audience:** The audience of this piece is the general public, but being written by a democratic advocate will mostly attract a democratic audience. Readers of Los Angeles Times are also likely to be educated and informed individuals.

**Purpose:** This piece was written mainly in order to inform. The author's goal is to make readers understand how Native Americans are being treated under Trump administration now, and to outline a history of past president's policies on Native Americans.

**Subject:** The author focuses on the pitfalls of the Trump presidency, his mistreatment of Native Americans, and how past presidents have gone about policies with Native Americans. He enforces the idea that President Trump "threatens the health and prosperity of Native Americans and drags us all backward", and that it is democratic responsibility to "honor, fulfill and strengthen the federal government's trust responsibility to American Indians" (3).

**Tone:** The author's tone towards his criticism of Trump is passionate and bitter. This causes the reader to become engaged and to join the author in his views.

Rubin, Jennifer. "Opposition to immigration is at odds with economic growth." *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 9 Mar. 2017, [www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2017/03/09/opposition-to-immigration-is-at-odds-with-economic-growth/?utm\\_term=.2c65a18e2cb4](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2017/03/09/opposition-to-immigration-is-at-odds-with-economic-growth/?utm_term=.2c65a18e2cb4). Accessed 19 Aug. 2017.

**Speaker:** The speaker of this text is an author of the Right Turn blog for The Post. She has a history of writing articles based on the Trump administration and is politically aware. She offers reported opinion from a conservative perspective. Most of her articles, however, are discrediting Trump.

**Occasion:** The significance of the timing of this piece is that the Trump presidency was still relatively new, and many controversial policies had begun to arise. Democrats and Republicans were consistently disagreeing on every issue.

**Audience:** Being posted in the Washington Post, the main audience would consist of liberals. Rubin however writes for the Right Turn blog which attracts more conservatives. This piece appeals to both sides of the political spectrum.

**Purpose:** The author wrote this piece in order to inform and persuade conservatives to see her understanding of the issue. She goes against her typical stance and takes a more liberal understanding to the issue of immigration, and she wants to prove her reasoning behind it.

**Subject:** The main subject covered in this text are the economic effects immigration has on the United States economy. It also covers what effect immigration would have on the work force, and how both would be positive, not negative as many seem to believe.

**Tone:** The tone in this is along the lines of logos, as it includes a fairly large amount of statistics. This leads the reader to form a trust in the author's judgement and persuades the readers.

Skutsch, Carl. "The History of White Supremacy in America." *Rolling Stone*, 19 Aug. 2017,

[www.rollingstone.com/politics/features/the-history-of-white-supremacy-in-america-w498](http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/features/the-history-of-white-supremacy-in-america-w498)

[334](#). Accessed 20 Aug. 2017.

**Speaker:** The author of this piece is a white male, writing on the topic of white male supremacy in the United States. His bias, however, does not become clear until the last two paragraphs and leads towards the opposing side of the supremacists. He is politically aware and well educated.

**Occasion:** The timing of this piece is not a surprise, with a white supremacist protest at Charlottesville just days before this article was written. The topic has recently surfaced as a major issue, and many people have started to become more informed.

**Audience:** The audience for this intended piece would be mostly males, and mostly middle-aged according to the demographics of the website. The Rolling Stone does however reach a broad audience.

**Purpose:** This was written in order to inform. The main goal is not necessarily to cause readers to join a cause, but more so to simply inform of the history of white supremacy in the United States, just as the title implies.

**Subject:** The subjects covered in this text are the foundation, development, variations of the white supremacy groups, as well as their opposed. It also covers the violence they have caused, and what white supremacy looks like today.

**Tone:** The tone used is primarily factual; the author is careful not to establish a bias before providing all the history and all of the facts. This causes the reader to develop a sense of ethos and in turn agree with the author when he voices his opinion in the concluding sentences.

Tavernise, Sabrina . “Sanctuary Bills in Maryland Faced a Surprise Foe: Legal Immigrants.” *The New York Times*, 8 May 2017, [www.nytimes.com/2017/05/08/us/legal-immigrants-who-oppose-illegal-immigration.html?mcubz=3](http://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/08/us/legal-immigrants-who-oppose-illegal-immigration.html?mcubz=3). Accessed 19 Aug. 2017.

**Speaker:** The author of this piece has a history of writing a mix of articles on the perspective of Trump supporters as well as those opposed to his policies. She is an educated, well known reporter with an established reputation. Her bias shown in the article is not necessarily her own, but that in favor of the people.

**Occasion:** The time this piece was written was not the highpoint of immigration tension. That time had already passed, when tensions were high and the topic was one of great relevance, but the fact that it is still being reported on shows that it is still an unresolved issue.

**Audience:** The audience of this piece would be mostly democratic, as well as well educated. The New York Times also attracts a younger crowd as their audience, as well with a mix of all age groups across the country.

**Purpose:** The main goal of this article is to show a contrary opinion in order to fully inform the reader. In both this article and the article above, both authors take on an opinion contrary to what they normally believe in order to inform their audience about different aspects of the situation.

**Subject:** The content covered in this piece includes different reasons for opposition to legal immigration to the united states. Reasons include the belief that these immigrants did not work hard enough to earn entry, that their presence would cause violence, or that they would cause public schools to deteriorate.

**Tone:** The tone of this piece is opinionated, as its goal is to share the voice of those with a contrary opinion to the norm. The formality of the tone leads to the reader to detect no bias and allows them to form their own opinion.