

Article of the Week

Article of the Week will be handed out on the first day of the week and turned in on Friday with the following two tasks done for homework.

I. 10 Questions/Comments

As you read, write questions or commentary out in the margins. There should be a total of 10 all together. Number the question/comment.

- Questions should not be able to be answered with a simple yes or no.
 - **Wrong Example:** X Does Leonard Pitts think we should fight? (This can be answered with a yes/no, so it would not count.)
 - **Correct Example:** Why is Leonard Pitts so concerned with not giving up?
- No Vocabulary Questions - X What does this word mean?
- Commentary is thoughtful.
 - **Wrong Example:** X I agree; I disagree; Who cares;
 - **Correct Example:** I like that the author thinks we shouldn't give up when things get hard. **OR** I think the author is being insensitive to some people because he doesn't know their story or how hard things are for them. **OR** Who cares if some people want to give up; sometimes that is a coping mechanism for people with problems.

II. Written Response

Write a one page reflection over the article. When you reflect, you could think about the following questions to guide you; however, you do not have to answer them in this order or answer all of them, but your reflection should start by giving (1) author's name, (2) title of the piece, and (3) a 1-2 sentence explanation of the author's purpose for writing the piece.

- **For Example:** In the article "You Don't Have to Give up the Fight," the author Lenoard Pitts urges us to fight back when things in life get hard. He points out that even though there are things that are out of our control, we still have the choice of how we get back up and keep going.
- **Guiding Questions:**
 - Who is the audience for this piece? Was it written for a general audience, or a special audience? And how do you know? (Is there anything in the text that clues you in? For Ex.: Specialized vocabulary? Type of publication?)
 - What is your opinion about the article? Do you agree or disagree with the message being conveyed in the article and why?
 - Is there anything that surprised you when you were reading? (angered you, made you happy, sad, confused, excited etc...)
 - Did this article change your thinking about something or challenge what you've always thought about a particular topic/subject?