

# Editorial Assignment

## A.P. Language

An editorial is an opinion piece written for a newspaper or sometimes a magazine. They are generally fairly brief and are typically related to a current issue that is a hot topic in a given area; for instance, the Seattle Times might contain an editorial on an issue that is being discussed in the news at that time in the Seattle area—such as whether a certain person should or should not be chosen to a political office. Other editorials take on national issues such as whether the US should carry out military action in a particular part of the world. Sometimes you will see the term “op-ed” associated with these pieces, which stands for “opinion/editorial.” Op-ed pieces are editorials. The reason I have you locate and analyze editorials is because I want you to recognize that rhetoric is all around us all the time. It is not something to study in a class to do well on a test, but rather the study of rhetoric is an essential skill to become an intelligent, thoughtful citizen of the world. Follow these instructions for this assignment:

1. Locate and print out or cut out an editorial that is of some interest to you, and read it very, very carefully.
2. Create SoapsTone for it that indicates deep thinking about each letter.
3. Cite three quotes (CD) from the editorial which demonstrate three different rhetorical strategies.
4. For each quote, write 2-3 sentences of thoughtful CM which indicates how the quote helps the author support his/her thesis in a meaningful, impactful way. Show me you have thought hard and in depth about the piece.
5. Staple the editorial to the back of your SoapsTone/quotes.