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**RAFT Assignment:** Promoting critical thinking and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues

Essay Type: Persuasive

Grade Level: English III & IV (11th or 12th)

Role	Audience	Format	Topic
United States citizen and editor (born of native family roots *)	<i>Express and News</i>	Article	Are illegal aliens paying their "fair share" of taxes?
Well-Educated Immigrant with foreign country family roots	Texas State Governor	Formal Letter	Are illegal immigrants a burden to America's economy? (*What is illegal immigration?)
The President of the United States during an election year	United States Voters	Media Speech Presentation	Should legal immigration be stopped?
Eighty Year-Old Man/Woman	<i>Time Magazine</i> Readers	Short Story	Should welfare be limited by time?
Well-Educated Middle Income TAX-Payer	Newsweek	Essay	Should illegal immigrants have access to social services such as Medicaid, welfare, or public education?
Teenage Unwed Mother/Father	The High School Junior & Senior Class	Speech	Should teenage unwed mothers receive all social services such as Medicaid and welfare for a third pregnancy?

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The following questions are possible required tasks which we must convey to the students:

1. What is the task?
2. When is it due?
3. What format, font and spacing must be used in this document?
4. Does it need a cover page?
5. Do they need visual or technical materials?
6. Is research necessary? If so, how much?
7. Where can the students find help?
8. What needs to be turned in? Is a rough draft required?
9. Are sources required?
10. How will the resulting product/text be graded?

Have a great year! I am reading in bed Friday night and sleeping late the 'morrow ...

I wish to thank Dr. Irvin for all his sharing of assets and guidance. I also wish to thank you, my colleagues for listening, collaborating and teachings.

"Tick-tock. Tick-tock." It's past twelve o'clock. With that being said, "I believe' ... I'm going to bed."

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