

Week 9: The Problem Solving Essay

This week we will build on your reading from Week 8 and start your own problem solving essay. By now you should be familiar with the format and purpose of a problem solving essay. You should have also selected a topic for your own essay this week. Again, this topic should be drawn either from your workplace or your coursework in your field of study. However, note the following:

- As this is a problem with YOUR workplace or coursework, you can use the first person (I, me, my). Typically these are not allowed in academic writing.
- This must be a situation *that can be solved*.
- You are NOT to explain to me how you solved a problem, although you can use examples of how others solved similar problems as evidence to support your proposed solution(s). This must be a current problem that needs to be addressed.

This week your job is to read the assigned reading, participate in the classroom discussion, and submit the rough draft of your problem solving essay for peer review.

For the discussion, read the two articles about the “situation” of a stagnant economy and the proposed solutions offered. We will judge these against each other as well as against the criteria of the problem solving process.

In week 3 of the unit, we will have a final discussion forum and you will submit your final drafts.

READING

Chapter 13 in *The Super Compact Guide* (review)

<http://fortune.com/2016/12/03/us-gdp-growth-donald-trump/>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/arthur-b-laffer/lets-get-the-economy-movi_b_11545136.html

THE PROBLEM SOLVING DISCUSSION FORUM

Once you've completed the reading, go to the Problem Solving Essay Economic Problem/Solution Discussion Forum link. Review my opening question and respond, and then respond to at least TWO of your classmates throughout the week.

THE PROBLEM SOLVING ESSAY ROUGH DRAFT FORUM

By midnight Sunday night, post the rough draft of your Problem Solving Essay to the Problem Solving Essay Rough Draft Forum. Next week you will return to this forum to download at least THREE of your classmates' drafts to review. You will post those peer reviews in the Week 10 Problem Solving Essay Peer Review Forum, which will be available next week.