

## Ashland English 100 Essay #3

### How Important are Errors?

Begin by reading

- “How Important Are Errors?” (Available through Blackboard)
- “The Right to Know” (Available through Blackboard)
- “Why Educate the Children of Illegal Immigrants?” (Available through Blackboard)

### Your Writing Task

Choose one of these two statements and defend it with concrete examples and logic:

1. News sources are being excessively picky to zero in on typographic errors. Most of these documents (mainly Twitter items) are very informal, and as long as we can figure out the general meaning, there is no problem.
2. Errors of this sort reflect “unimaginable incompetence” because they “erode the trust between the White House, the country and the rest of the world.” Official pronouncements should be held to the highest standard, even in small items such as punctuation and spelling.

### Mechanical Details

**Length:** Minimum 980 words not counting title, your name, etc. That’s about a three-page paper. There is no maximum, but try to keep it under 1400. Papers significantly under the minimum (90% or less) will not receive the best possible grade.

**Format:** Standard MLA format. (12-point Times Roman type, double-spaced, 1” margin all around, MLA header.)

### *Submitting the paper:*

- This paper (and all the following papers in this course) will be submitted electronically through Blackboard. Instructions are available on the Blackboard website for this course.

### Due Dates

1. **Paragraph Coherence Exercise:**  
Bring in a printed rough draft of your paper Monday, October 7, 2019
2. **Final Copy:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019

This essay is worth 75 points.