

Ashland English 100 Essay #4

Speculating on Causes and Effects

Begin by reading “Why a College Football Player Would Plagiarize from a Little Kid” by Christopher Young (available through Blackboard).

Your Writing Task

Athletes are not the only ones who are tempted to cheat, so in this essay you will examine another set of causes and effects. For this fourth essay, **select and explain another reason or closely related set of reasons that might cause a student to cheat.**

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:

- The English Department wants electronic copies of all your essays this semester, so please upload the final product to the drop box in Blackboard. Some students (especially those who use Google Docs) have trouble figuring out how to do this, so ask if you are uncertain how to proceed!
- If you have any trouble getting the Blackboard upload to work, simply print a copy and bring it to class.

Due Dates

1. **Peer Editing:** Bring in two printed copies of your rough draft Friday, November 2, 2018.
2. **Final copy:** Monday, November 5, 2018.

This essay is worth 75 points.