

Marist College
Core/Liberal Studies
Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes
Assignment Sample

Description: The goals of the Core/LS Program are to develop values awareness, hone writing skills, acquire familiarity with the ideas and methodologies of several disciplines, and to be able to synthesize the insights and methods from various disciplines. The goal of this assignment is to have you demonstrate all four of these competencies.

Directions: Carefully review the following articles/essays/pieces and identify the position of each author/artist along with the values that underlie her/his position. Using your broad exposure to the various disciplines, such as Social Science, History, Literature, Fine Art, Mathematics, Natural Science, Religious Studies, and Philosophy discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each author's/artist's argument. Finally, articulate your own position on the issue. Your stance should be more comprehensive than any single essay/article/piece you read and your own values should be explicit.