

## **FY 047, The Other Side of the Wall... Paper # 1**

For your first paper, which is to be between 2-3 pages in length, you have two options:

- 1) revising and expanding your previous writing on NAFTA or
- 2) returning to your earlier Bb writing and expanding and rethinking the relationship of significant historical developments—events, treaties, policies and programs-- to significant developments in the history of U. S. –Mexico relations.

The purpose of this assignment, then, is develop and reformulate prior thinking in the interest of producing more developed engagement with the reasons for and impact of NAFTA or the impact of the past on an issue being debated today.

Use the assigned readings, the lectures, ( there is a Power Point of Professor Crowe's lecture in our NAFTA folder), and any other readings on our Bb site, to construct your paper. I am looking for you to demonstrate richer understanding of your focus than you have shown, previously, in your earlier writing.

### **GENERAL QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION OF Paper # 1**

#### **Part 1. What does the writing do? (This is descriptive.)**

- 1) What does the writing convey to you about the purpose of NAFTA or the relationship of the past to current debate about U. S. –Mexico relations ?
- 2) What does the writing convey to you about the impact of NAFTA on residents of Mexico or the consequences of past U. S. –Mexico relations on current thinking?
- 3) What does the writing convey about how and why the treaty should be preserved, modified or abandoned ? Or, why the history of U. S. –Mexico relations impacts the writer's position on an issue being debated today?

#### **Part 2 . What more can the writing do ? (This suggests useful possibilities for expanding and revising the content you have discussed. )**

- 1) How might the content you describe in response to the questions (**Part 1. What does the writing do?**) be developed to make the writing more engaging or more persuasive for you?
- 2) How might the writing be rethought to deepen the writer's analysis of the articulation of the treaty's purpose and its effects? Why the treaty should be preserved or changed? Or how significant historical developments are connected to an issue about U. S. –Mexico relations being debated today? And how that history affects the writer's position on current debate?

**Note specific places in the writing where it can be modified in the interest of making it more persuasive for you.**

You are to send a draft of your paper ( see assignment described below) to me as well as all members of your Blackboard group by **1 pm Sunday, Sept. 16 . You are to respond to the papers you receive from other members of your group, then send your response electronically to the writers by 9 am Monday, Sept. 17.**

**Conferences with Swilky 18, 19, 20 , 21 (No class Sept. 19)**

**Rewrite do three days after your conference: i.e., Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24**