

Editorial Fridays: Columnists as a Writer's Role Model

Each week you will be required to follow a national columnist you have been assigned to read for the week. Most columns run weekly; however, you will be required to submit all columns for the week (Friday-Thursday) up to five. The assignment has three parts:

1. Read and annotate each article. You may annotate by color shading, font emphasis, adding note in parenthesis, etc. Use abbreviations and phrases freely. You must include the following:
 - a. Speaker's tone
 - b. Rhetorical techniques
 - c. Organizational shifts
 - d. Appeals to logic, ethics, or emotion
2. After annotating, write a one-half to one-page response to your columnist's body of work that includes the following (you will only write one response that incorporates all of the works for the week):
 - a. A brief summary of the author's main point
 - b. The most salient strategies employed by the author
 - c. The article's affect on you
3. Staple you annotated copy of the article to your response and turn it in by Friday.

Match the columnists listed below with the number beside your name on the schedule that follows. If there is an asterisk in the box by your name, you will be required to bring ONE of your articles to class by 8:15 the Friday it is due, or you may bring 15 copies to class at the normal time. You will present your article to the class, describing the rhetorical strategies your columnist uses in his or her writing as a whole, using the one article as an exemplar.

Should you find that your columnist did not publish the week you were assigned to read him/her, simply select articles from an archived week.

All columnists may be found at www.drudgereport.com

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| 1. Mitch Albom-MWF – sports-freep.com | 8. Larry Elder-R-Mid-East politics |
| 2. Jonathon Alter-M-politics | 9. Susan Estrich-WF-feminist perspective |
| 3. Brent Bozell-W-media | 10. Joseph Farah-daily-public interest |
| 4. David Broder-T Su-politics | 11. Suzanne Fields-MR-public interest |
| 5. Mona Charen-F-public interest | 12. Juhn Fund-M-politics |
| 6. Ann Coulter-weekly-public interest | 13. Carl Hiaasen-Su-Politics |
| 7. Lou Dobbs-T-politics | 14. Anna Quindlen-Su-public interest |