ESSAY #1: POSTWRITE / COVER LETTER

Now that you have completed the first draft of essay #1, it’s time to reflect on what you’ve just written and to begin to think about the revision process. “Revision” means “re-seeing” or looking at your essay with a new angle of vision, rather than simply editing or “fixing” your essay for grammatical errors. With this expansive definition of revision in mind, take a few moments to reflect on your draft, focusing first on argument and secondly on style.

What are the strong points of your draft? What needs improvement or expansion in the revision process? As you address these questions, think about the following:

–have you motivated your reader(s)?
–have you established a clear thesis or statement or suggestion of argument?
–how well have you used the evidence from your ad to support your argument?
–have you organized the draft clearly so that the reader can follow the movement of thought?
–have you concluded the essay in an engaging fashion?

I look forward to reading what you write. Please be honest in your assessment of your draft!