

“The War on Stupid People”

The Atlantic

Part A- End of Course Exam

Directions: Read the passage below (use article “The War on Stupid People”) and then respond to the following three questions.

1. Identify the author’s argument, main idea, or thesis. (3 points)

This can be ONE sentence including all parts of the argument.

2. Explain the author’s line of reasoning by identifying the claims used to build the argument and the connections between them. (6 points)

For each claim (parts of the argument) there should be a separate paragraph addresses each claim and the LOR. You also need the CONNECTIONS between each claim. You can do within each paragraph or in a separate paragraph.

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the evidence the author uses to support the claims made in the argument. (6 points)

Each piece of evidence and source should be evaluated. This may will require more than one paragraph. For reference, check out the handout under evaluating sources (RAVEN or CRAAP). We will go over next week.

Hand in ONE per 3-4 people. Each section (1,2,3) is written separately. Reference the rubric I gave you for the DOE presentation or look at EOC Exam Rubric part A.