**Response to Non-Fiction Articles**

**PART I**

Read and annotate the article “Main law changes disparaging language in state statutes, programs”

Answer the following questions using response to literature guidelines and using support from the text:

1. What does “disparaging” mean?
2. What kind of article is this? (Look at your types of articles handout s a reference). How do you know? Provide support and examples.
3. What do you think the author’s purpose for writing this article is?

**PART II**

Read and annotate the article “Marvin Wilson Execution”

Answer the following questions using response to literature guidelines and using support from the text:

1. What kind of article is this? (Look at your types of articles handout s a reference). How do you know? Provide support and examples.
2. What do you think the author’s purpose for writing this article is?
3. Explain the *allusion* in this article.

**PART III**

Extended Response:

In a separate sheet of paper, write an extended response to these two articles, expressing your **opinion** about the two issues exposed. Your response should be between two and four well developed paragraphs. You should write at least a paragraph on each of the articles. Some guiding questions are:

* Do you think it is right to change the terminology with regard to people with disabilities? Why?
* Do you think that Marvin Wilson should have been executed based on what you know?
* Do you think people with disabilities should be executed? What if they are a danger to society?
* Write a personal response or connection to either or both stories.

**Rubric**

* Articles are correctly annotated\_\_\_\_/10
* All questions are answered thoroughly with support/quotes from the articles \_\_\_\_/10
* The extended response is thoughtful, and demonstrates an understanding of the articles and your critical thinking process. \_\_\_\_\_/10
* Grammar and spelling are correct, with minimal errors \_\_\_5

Total:\_\_\_\_\_/35