For your last essay, choose ONE of the Writing Assignments listed below from the essays we've read in *Exploring Language.*

1. Reread the essays to gather specific information and **consider the topic in depth** before **deciding on a position to take in your thesis.**
2. **Write a rough draft and revise until** you have adequately developed the topic with supporting evidence.
3. When your essay is sufficiently organized**, prepare an OUTLINE of its main**

**points** (KW 25). *Only your outline may be referenced while writing the essay in class.*

1. Don't forget to bring a large green/blue book!
2. **You may not choose any of these to write on for this essay if you have previously done so.**

Choose ONE of the following:

l. Many of the authors in this section [chapter 5] seem to defend their own gender's

communication style. Write an essay in which you support your gender's

communication style, or defend or analyze the style of the opposite sex. Is one

better that the other? Why or why not? Remember to support your perspective

with examples (280) [Chapter 6]

2. The issue of hate speech and stereotypical language seem to be deeply

intertwined. Write an essay in which you explore the connection between the two

and likely outcomes for the future. Are we moving toward a culture where more

sensitive forms of speech become the norm? Will hate speech become a thing of

the past if speech codes preventing it are instituted and enforced? Why or why

not? (354).

3. The essays in this section [chapter 7] deal with advertising language and its

effects on consumers and their value systems. Describe how understanding the

linguistic strategies of advertisers---as exemplified here by Lutz--will or will not

change your reaction to advertising (369).

4. Write an essay in which you examine instances of doublespeak in the media, a

particular profession, or among your acquaintances. Make a case either for or

against its usage (437). [Chapter 8]

5. Research how the Internet is influencing how we think and how it may or may not

be changing our brains. Will the Internet be the next significant influence on our

physical evolution? How might our bodies change? (527). [Chapter 9]

(For Topic #5 refer to the following essays in Chapter 9: "Is Google Making Us

Stoopid?" by Nicholas Carr, "The Internet: Is It Changing the Way We Think?"

by John Naughton and "Mind over Mass Media" by Steven Pinker).