**100 points**

**20% of final grade**

**Response to Ethical Issues in Field of Study (Whistleblowers) a very, very rough draft**

**Course:** English 2201: Multidisciplinary

**Description:** Essay, 4-5 pages, double spaced, Times New Roman, MLA or APA Heading

**Assignment Assigned:** September 26, 2914

**Rough Draft Due:** October 10, 2014

**Final Draft Due:** October 17, 2014

For your second writing assignment, you are to write a 4-5 page response (analysis?) to an ethical issue, researching the topic of whistleblowers in your field of study. Gather information to answer the following questions: Who is the whistleblower? What company does he or she work for? What is the information he/she came forward with? What happened next? What is your personal reaction to it? Do you agree or disagree with the whistleblower’s actions, and why? Note: You may agree with some actions, and disagree with others. What are the consequences of the whistleblower’s actions? Was any new legislation crafted because of the whistleblower? Do you believe the field is better or worse off because of the whistleblower’s actions?

**Whistle-blower:** A whistleblower is a person who reports alleged misconduct or illegal activity occurring in an organization or company. The alleged misconduct may be a direct violation of a [law](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law), rule, regulation and/or a direct threat to [public interest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_interest), such as [fraud](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fraud), health and safety violations, and [corruption](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_corruption). Whistleblowers may report their allegations internally or externally, and may face several reprisals, sometimes at the hand of the organization and sometimes under law.

**Thesis:** Thesis should address if the whistleblower’s actions were ethically sound (correct? Right?) in the end. Did the whistleblower’s actions strengthen or weaken the field of study/discipline? Did the whistleblower contribute positively or negatively to the field overall? Note: Some variations (a little bit of both) may apply.

* **Purpose of the assignment:** To get you to identify, investigate, and report on and respond to an ethical issue in the discipline.

**Audience:** The audience for this project is your 1100 classmates. Your writing should convey and explain the significance of the whistleblower and field of study to ground the readers with key background information.

**Sources and Documentation:** You are required to use 3-5 sources in this research paper. You will follow the documentation style relevant to your discipline.

**Use of Evidence:** You are expected to use evidence from your chosen sources. Evidence can be seen through direct quotations, summaries, or paraphrases and must be properly attributed.

(List possible whistleblowers students can explore to give them ideas….Students will probably say they can’t find anyone in their field of study. Please note that the whistleblowers can be contemporary/historical)