

First-Day Diagnostic Essay Prompt  
English 110 Fall 2008

In Eric Schlosser's article from Good Reasons, "Make Peace with Pot" (567), the author argues for an alternative way to deal with marijuana use and abuse in the United States. In a thesis-focused essay, evaluate the effectiveness of his argument. To do so, you should first state your judgment about how convincing Schlosser's argument is. Then, you should support your judgment (explain why the argument is or is not convincing) with clear reasons and good evidence from his essay.