## What next Wednesday's homework should look like:

**Abstract:** The liberal arts are necessary for a free and democratic society and must be maintained in school curricula. As Samuelson (2014) implies, replacing the humanities with purely economic concerns erodes "democracy itself."

**Claim:** The liberal arts and humanities are necessary and must be maintained in school curricula.

## **Grounds:**

- Help people handle the world (mother whose child died after surgery)
- Mark of a free society (Romans believe in freedom)
- Avoids economic-only culture ("students as consumers")
- Opens new avenues of thought (students reads Schopenhauer)
- Killing liberal arts leads to class divide (privilege of the elite)

## Warrant:

Education should address all aspects of human existence including the ethical, the beautiful, and the intellectual. Using education as a means for employment only undermines freedom in society.

(Remember that a warrant can be stated or implied.)