**Mrs. Graves**

**English II**

**Paper 1**

**Satire Paper**

**Paper Length:** 2-3 pages

**Topic Due:** Monday, 27 August

**Final Draft Due Date:**Friday, 31 August **(1 copy-typed)**

In your essay, you will be arguing for or against an issue (it can be something small or pervasive) by modeling Jonathan Swift’s “A Modest Proposal”. Use his essay to format your paper while using satire and irony as your main persuasive techniques. You will choose your own topic, but I will need to approve it first. Choose a topic that you are passionate about, so that your argument will be more effective. Your topic and problem must be specific and clearly defined, as must be your solutions, both satirical and real. Depending on your topic, you may need to do some research with proper citations. However, research is not required. You must suggest and defend both a satirical solution (the bulk of your paper) and offer real solutions (which you may suggest dismissively as Swift does).

Consider your audience as you write this paper. What are their biases and beliefs? This paper will need to be formal in structure and diction; however, in order to model Swift’s technique, you may address your readers in first-person by using “I”. Remember that although you are not required to submit a rough draft, you should write multiple drafts of your essay in order to edit for grammar, punctuation, and organization.

Follow Swift’s organization: 1. State Problem, 2. Define problem with data/support, 3. Offer satirical solution (proposal), 4. Describe and define satirical solution and its effectiveness with data/support, 5. Explain why there cannot be objections, 6. List and dismiss real solutions, 7. Conclusion “Only trying to help.”

First Page Example:

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| Last Name 1  First and Last Name  Mrs. Graves  English II 31 August 2012  “A Modest Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”  This should be your introduction paragraph. You will introduce your topic and proposal … |