INT 101 Paper #2

*Background:* We now know that 99 percent of all animals eaten in this country come from factory farms (Foer 12). In Foer’s book, *Eating Animals*, an animal rights activist responds to the evidence of animal cruelty and suffering on these farms by stating, “The truth is so powerful in this case, it doesn’t even matter what your angle is” (92). On the other hand, a small-scale rancher argues “…it’s normal and natural for animals to eat other animals, and since we humans are part of nature, it’s very normal for humans to be eating animals” (207). These quotes exemplify what we see throughout the text – that people in varying contexts have different core beliefs about what is right and wrong concerning the ways we treat animals for our consumption.

*Prompt:* In this paper, use Foer’s *Eating Animals* to compose a persuasive argument that answers the following question: Is it ethical to eat meat in America?

In constructing your response, you should address at least three of the following issues: animal welfare, the environment, human health, biodiversity, farm workers’ safety. Whether you answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to the question, you must integrate into your argument at least one solution to any of the problems associated with eating meat in America.

*Reminders/Parameters:* Your paper must make use of the following:

- Evidence from Foer’s text. The evidence in your paper should not come from only one or two chapters in the text. You should make use of appropriate evidence throughout the text to construct your argument.
- Address three of the issues listed above. You may substitute other issues related to this topic that you find addressed in Foer’s text.
- Your paper should be addressed to a broad American public.
- Your paper must propose at least one solution.

Your paper should be 5-6 pages typed, 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced. You may use APA or MLA style formatting for your citations.

*Grading Criteria*
Clearly articulated intro paragraph, compels the reader to read on – 20 points
Use of evidence to support your argument – 20 points
Language, grammar, clarity of expression – 15 points
Clear articulation of different ethical dimensions (the three “issues”) – 15
Fully considered application of the solution – 15 points
Overall persuasiveness – 10 points
Properly formatted citations – 5 points

Draft Workshop: September 11th
Final Paper Due: September 16th