Background
We have spent our semester together exploring many facets of self and others—making connections with common college issues, understanding how and why we act and react, exploring multiple art forms and their connections to us, etc. All of these topics have allowed us to share and contemplate ideas and stories that ultimately help us to continually define who we are.

Consider your experience with the arts this semester. We have worked with music, art galleries, theatre, and even movies. Who participates in these programs? Who else (besides your classmates who were “required” to attend) was in the audiences or galleries? What could make a difference in attracting more young adults to these experiences? Why is this important to individuals and societies…and our community? What are the benefits to those who participate and/or those who simply want to be audience members?

Assignment
Using the requirements we have worked with throughout the semester, you are to create a four-to-five page essay (not including the title or works cited pages) that could be printed in a local publication like The Macon Telegraph or Macon Magazine that encourages young adults to support the arts in our Mercer and Middle Georgia community. In order to accomplish this, you should consider what arts programs are available in our area (think about previous assignments and perform additional research) and the reasons that would entice more young adults to participate in and/or support the programs. Citations from at least four scholarly articles and additional non-scholarly items, as needed, are required.

In writing this persuasive essay, you should accomplish the following goals:
-critically analyze multiple perspectives or theories about a relevant issue/problem faced by a local community,
-propose solutions to a local issue/problem using academic knowledge and scholarship, and
-articulate ethical reasoning in considering a local issue/problem.

Due Date
Essays are due on Monday, December 5. Graded assignments will be returned on Friday, December 9, and revisions (if you are still required to complete a second one by this time) are due at the end of our scheduled final exam time (Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 PM) by sending them to kemp_t@mercer.edu.

Additional Questions
Please see me with any additional questions as soon possible.