

# Elmhurst College

## FYS 100.09 -- Becoming a Skeptical Student: Science, Pseudoscience, and Self-deception

### Gates – Self Comparison Assignment

October 20, 2010

Drawing on material from the Bill Gates video shown in class and your reflective knowledge of yourself, **compare and contrast** some characteristics, attitudes, etc. that have led Bill Gates to an extraordinary life and outstanding achievements and that might do the same for you (or that might interfere with your prospects on that front). You may also draw on other reliable reference sources if you wish. In any case, it is important to write in terms of **specifics** (concrete examples, etc.) rather than just vague generalities.

This paper is to be 2-5 pages in length (double spaced). You are to submit it by email as a WordPerfect (.wpd) or Microsoft Word (.doc) attachment no later than the beginning of class on November 1, 2010.

This is to be a "for real" paper – with sentences, paragraphs, **reference citations**, page numbers, and all that jazz. (Imagine that I will take it to the English Department for a grade on presentation.) Clear expression, logical organization, and proper syntax and grammar are all essential. The College **Writing Center**, located inside the Learning Center on the main floor of the Frick Center, can help you in your effort to produce a high-quality paper.

On the course Web page, I will provide an example of a particularly simple, easy- to-use format for reference citation, but any standard format is acceptable. I will also provide a link to some examples of “compare and contrast” papers on the course Web page.

“Bill Gates: How a Geek Changed the World” [videorecording] / BBC ; produced & directed by Charles Miller, Dan Trelford; (EC Library Call Number: VIDEO 338.092 G259).