

Name: **Juan Carlos Perez**

Student ID: **1538648**

Course: **English Composition I**

Professor: **Amanda Kirchner**

Name

I. Name the article (noting who the author is) that you chose to focus on this term.

- The article selected was “Some Lessons From The Assembly Line” by Andrew Braaksma.
-

Author’s Purpose

I. Identify what you feel the author’s overall purpose of goal is for writing this article.

- Andrew Braaksma wants readers to understand the importance of a college education. In his article, “Some Lessons From The Assembly Line,” he states, “Factory life has shown me what my future might have been like had I never gone to college in the first place.” Braaksma chooses not to be a victim of convenience, but instead grow from the experience factory life has shown him and learn that with hard work and dedication he can eradicate the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient by obtaining a college education.
-

Author’s Key Points

I. Determine key points and rationale that will be helpful in supporting the validity of the author’s claim.

- Braaksma outlines the hardships of blue-collar work by stating, “The most stressful thing about blue-collar life is knowing your job could disappear overnight.” For many people like Braaksma, downsizing and overseas relocation is a reality. The fact is that labor and production costs are cheaper in other parts of the world versus here in the United States.

ENG 122 – Writing Notes

- Braaksma wants readers to understand the value of a hard-earned dollar. Every summer since he graduated from high school, Braaksma has been hard at work as a factory worker. He goes on to say, “My friends who take easier, part-time jobs never seem to understand why I’m so relieved to be back at school in the fall or that my summer vacation has been anything but a vacation.” Braaksma describes the “rows of hulking, spark-showering machines [that] have replaced the lush campus and cavernous lecture halls of college life.”

Author’s Audience

I. *Identify who the author’s intended audience is and the challenges the author may have faced in presenting his or her purpose to that group of readers.*

- Braaksma is addressing low-income individuals who have responsibilities of taking care of their family and sacrifice their future for the benefit of their loved ones. Many people enter the workforce to provide for themselves and their families. Braaksma goes on to say, “...I feel almost voyeuristic, like a tourist dropping in where other people make their livelihoods.”
- The potential challenges Braaksma faces is that people don’t have the time or money to pursue a college education. They look for easy job opportunities to provide for their families. Braaksma’s co-worker states, “This job pays well, but it’s hell on the body.”