Criteria: Ability to conduct research and present the results in appropriate written form

Project: PETA and Pokémon: Are Video Games Promoting Aggression and Animal Cruelty?

Course: ENG 301: Advanced Composition

Assignment Criteria: In this class we were required to write two major research papers during the semester. This is the second one I wrote, a paper covering an issue I was passionate about. I had to find scholarly articles that supported my view on this issue, and use the information in them to create a 7- to 10-page paper.

Audience: Only my professor would read this paper, however she was an extremely tough grader, and also had the opposite mindset in regards to the issue in this paper. My goal was to clearly, intelligently, and strongly present my claim and information supporting it, just as if it were going to appear in a public forum and attempt to persuade others.

My Contribution: Using a specific search engine available on campus, I used keywords to find professional, scholarly, reviewed articles related to my topic — in this case, video games and violence. I selected five, read them thoroughly, and noted quotes and information that I could use in my paper. I wrote the paper with my personal experience and research in mind, and revised it based on critiques given by classmates before turning in this final draft.

**Publication History:** This paper has only been used for this class. It hasn't appeared anywhere else or been read by anyone except my two critique-givers and my professor.

**Reworking of Publications:** In what was perhaps a week and a half I wrote pieces of this at a time, polished them, added them together, rearranged them -I wrote and revised at the same time to produce this piece.