

1. [http://www.george-orwell.org/Politics\\_and\\_the\\_English\\_Language/0.html](http://www.george-orwell.org/Politics_and_the_English_Language/0.html)

Read the Orwell's article on the link and answer the questions around 200-300 words. What kind of writing would Orwell identify as "bad"? How would he characterize good writing? Why does he prefer simple, concrete language to abstract language? What is the difference between Latinate and Anglo Saxon words?

2. What is Hitchens's primary argument in this piece? What sorts of emotional and logical arguments does he use? How effective are they? Answer the questions around 150-200 words. Watch this <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-ZUXyGWvJY> and read the article "Does Science Make Belief in God Obsolete?" I attached.

3. How would you characterize the ethos Goodstein creates in discussing this topic? Why might she do so?

Read this [http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/09/weekinreview/09good.html?pagewanted=2&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/09/weekinreview/09good.html?pagewanted=2&_r=0)  
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