

Assignment 1

Writing Seminar

1. Read the essays and be able to discuss them in class.

The essayists discuss very different issues: punishment for war crimes, virtues of deregulation of the economy and the recent toppling of statues in an effort ostensibly to rid the nation of racism. You do not have to agree with the essayists point of view, but should be able to state it and show how the author tackles the issue in coming to write about it.

2. Think of a topic of interest to you that you would like to write a blog about. In addition to an end-of-the-year publication, we will be keeping a blog post that our homeschool community can read and benefit from. Remember that the main objective of this course is for you to think of writing as a *practical* endeavor that benefits others in the community.

Orwell states in his piece “Why I write”: “When I sit down to write a book, I do not say to myself, ‘I am

going to produce a work of art.’ I write it because there is some lie that I want to expose, some fact to which I want to draw attention, and my initial concern is to get a hearing.”

3. The picture on this assignment page is of Roger Kimball, who wrote one of the essays that you will be reading this week.

