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1. “Demagoguery isn’t about what politicians do; it’s about how we, as citizens, argue, reason, and vote.” (Roberts-Miller 8). What is the relationship between this passage and first year composition/academic writing?

2. How do the skills of civic engagement and democratic deliberation relate to composition skills?

3. What does it mean to incorporate democracy explicitly into our courses in the current moment? What is the exigence for the first year book?

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