**Analyze & Interpret**

Pick a major problem and analyze who is to blame. For example, who is to blame for the watering down of television news? Is it the news outlets for passing off Kim Kardashian stories as news? Is it the viewers, who sit and watch the Kim Kardashian stories? Is it the takeover of news stations, where the bottom line, first and foremost, is of utmost importance? Is it the influence of video games and other entertainment options, which shorten attention span? Is it the direction television has taken toward entertainment and away from information? What percentage does each of these factors play? Consider these factors, and what degree of influence each possesses, and move into analyzing and interpreting.

Here are some other “Who is to blame?” questions to consider from the last couple years:

Consider the following questions:

Who is to blame for the decline of reading?

Who is to blame for the oil spill in the gulf?  
Who is to blame for childhood obesity?

Now complete the question for your own topic:

Who is to blame for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

\*Think of the major and sub topic potentials.

What potential arguments do you have for this question? Explain how your topic has become an issue and how society is dealing with it.

You need to do more than assign blame; you need to explain why this blame is appropriate and has been assigned, which will require you to analyze and interpret. Use three of your sources to establish your claim and elaborate on how this has become an issue or problem for society.

This essay should be about two pages long and needs to have a thesis statement at the end of your introduction taking a stance explaining who/what organization is to blame. Your body paragraphs should detail exactly why they deserve this blame and/or how they have caused this issue.