Essay 3: Argument

Your third paper will be an argumentative paper of 3-5 typewritten, double-spaced pages, and it will address a question surrounding your own education experiences.

In his essay, “Learning in the Key of Life,” Jon Spayde asks, “What does it mean to be educated?” He answers that, “genuine education is a discourse – a dialogue – carried on within the context of society around us. as well as with the mighty dead. School helps, but it’s just the beginning of the engagement between ideas and reality.”

First, answer the question of what it means, to you, to be educated, then compare and contrast your answer with Spayde’s. If you disagree, argue in favor of your point of view and use his as a counter-argument to respond to; if you agree, explain why. In either case, offer examples from your own experience.

Please make use of my office hours to discuss your work. I will look at first drafts and return them with sample grades.