

Fifth paper topics

Please answer the following question in three pages. Please turn in your answer to me by 10 am on Thursday, December 10.

Atul Gawande's reporting on McAllen, Texas and David Leonhardt's reporting on Intermountain Health seem loaded with lessons for reforming health care. Describe at least one lesson that you regard as particularly interesting. That is, explain how the anecdotal evidence they uncovered in their reporting on these particular places should influence our thinking about how to reform the health system in general.

I should add that you might think there aren't any lessons to be drawn from these cases. And you might be right! If that is your attitude, describe a lesson that people might *think* can be drawn and explain why that is not so.

