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### In-Class Activity for First-Year Writing: William Hogarth

Directions: In groups of 3 or 4, please examine these two engravings by 18<sup>th</sup>-Century political satirist William Hogarth using the following steps as a guide:

1. Using concrete visual evidence, jot down ten observations about *Beer Street*.
2. Pretend that you plan to write a one-paragraph essay on this engraving, and write a sentence-long topic sentence for this paragraph. What message does Hogarth convey through these visual details?

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3. Using concrete visual evidence, jot down ten observations about *Gin Lane*.
4. Pretend that you plan to write a one-paragraph essay on this engraving, and write a sentence-long topic sentence for this paragraph. What message does Hogarth convey through these visual details?

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5. Make five concrete claims that compare *Beer Street* and *Gin Lane*.
6. Pretend that you plan to write a brief essay (with two body paragraphs, one for each engraving) comparing these two engravings, and write a thesis statement for this essay.

