*The following questions should be answered individually and handed in at the end of class. You can work as a group. Read The Onion Essay, and consider the actual news story provided as you answer each question. What follows are techniques that often show up in satire, and are present in this piece as well. Don’t forget to think about the title as you answer questions. You can reference specific line numbers within paragraphs for support when we go over it in class. Your answers do not need to be fully written out. Just answer and list evidence.*

1. Define Satire.
2. What point is this article making (consider what ‘foibles’ it is criticizing)?
3. Describe the speaker’s (who may be a persona) overall tone.
4. Notice **diction** in this essay. List examples of types of diction and explain their purpose for the reader.
5. Define the following, list an example, and explain its purpose:
   1. **hyperbole**
   2. **understatement**
   3. **irony**
   4. **satire**
   5. **humor**
   6. **pun**