English 1013: Composition I

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Flat Earth

 The flat earth theory is one of the most popular conspiracy in the world. In the article *Is the Earth Flat?* by Daniel Loxton, the author explains that this theory has recently made news channels and talked about by many celebrities. He quickly debunks the theory with stating reasons from up to thousands of years ago to why it is not true. Loxton then explains the reasoning behind why the flat Earth believers, flat earthers, claim that the Earth is flat.

“No. The Earth is round” (Loxton) Loxton tells his readers his thoughts on the theory right away. He says for this theory to be true there would also have to be many other theories that are not true. These claims are false because of the large amount of evidence for a round Earth. There are thousands of pictures, videos and astronauts who have been to outer space proving the earth is not flat. Loxton explains that people have also known that the Earth is round for thousands of years. This was because when ships would go off into the distance the bottom of the ship would disappear before the top. Also, when people began to study the stars, they saw that the stars would never be in the same place.

 Daniel Loxton says that flat earthers rearrange the continents on a map and claim Antarctica does not exist. Instead they believe that the Earth is surrounded by an ice wall. He continues to explain the flat earthers usually believe this because of religious reasons. They say that the round Earth distracts them from their salvation. There are passages in the Bible saying that the earth is covered by a dome. Also, Loxton said that people believe in the flat Earth because of their lack of trust in the government and space programs. “The space program is a scientific plot to hoodwink the public.” (Loxton) This is what Charles Johnson, a well-known flat earther, said in an interview in the late 1900’s.

 Loxton then disproves the flat Earth theory with science. He says that based off of flat earther’s maps the distances between countries on flat earther’s maps are off. Also, Loxton says that gravity would be completely different with a flat Earth. Some flat earthers believe that gravity does not exist at all. Instead, they believe that the Earth is moving upside down and going in one direction. Although, that would disprove their theory about the sun because the earth would run into the sun when it is nighttime. Loxton says that everything they say is made up and is not backed up by science.

 Daniel Loxton wraps everything up saying that the flat Earth believers are trying to disprove almost every science about the Earth. They have no research to back up their reasoning and every theory they have has been disproved by science. Another point he brought up was that scientists and space explorers have no reason to make up that the Earth is round. Loxton says that this would give scientists no advantage and that researchers have no reason to lie about it.

In the article *Is the Earth Flat?* by Daniel Loxton the author explains that this theory has been mentioned by many celebrities and conspiracy theorists. He says for this theory to be true there would also have to be many other scientific theories that are not true. He continues to explain the flat earthers usually believe this because of religious reasons and their lack of trust in the government. Daniel Loxton then disproves the flat Earth theory with scientific evidence. Daniel Loxton wraps everything up by saying that the flat earthers have a lack of respect for scientists and their research.

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