“What is a Life Worth?”—Amanda Ripley

Thinking Critically Questions (20pts)

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Most news articles such as “What is a Life Worth?” try to take an objective, unbiased approach. Would you agree that this text is unbiased, or do you think it favors one perspective? Explain your answer.

2. What kinds of evidence does Ripley, the author of the article, use to get across the key ideas and issues associated with the compensation of 9/11 victims and their families? Are any specific types of evidence more compelling to you as a reader? Less compelling?

3. How accurate do you think the information in the article is? In other words, do you think Time Magazine and Ripley are to be trusted? Why or why not?

4. Does the article use of logic, emotion, or both to make an impact on the reader? If so, describe how.