English 150 - English Composition -Fall 2002

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Required Text: College Writing Skills with Readings 2nd Canadian

Edition John Langan/Sharon Winstanley

General Guidelines:

1. Write your own papers! Plagiarism and/or using someone else's essay is an academic crime and will result in a zero grade for either the assignment or the entire course.

- 2. Assignments will be collected at the beginning of class: do not push assignments under my office door.
- 3. You will be completing a large number of editing/comprehension tests during the term. For reasons of logic (and my sanity!) these tests cannot be "made up" at a later time.
- 4. Please feel free to phone or email me if you have questions about how to complete assignments I will reply promptly. However, do not ask the infamous question, "Did we do anything in class today?" Of course we did, and I cannot reproduce a whole class over the phone or email.

Reading, Assignment and Test Schedule = assignment or test

Weeks 1 and 2: Part One: Chapters 1 and 2

Part Two: Chapters 7 and 8

"In Defence of Moods"

"Shame"

Subject/Verbs, Fragments, Run-Ons - (Chapters 22, 23,

24)

Week 3: Part One: Chapters 3 and 4

Part Two: Chapters 9 and 10

"Stones and the Mountain"

"Smash Thy Neighbour"

Regular and Irregular Verbs

Subject Verb Agreement and Reference Additional Information about Verbs

(Chapters 25, 26, 27)

Editing tests #1 and #2

Writing Assignment #1 (due next week)

Week 4: Part One: Chapters 5 and 6

Part Two: Chapter 11

"My Body is My Own Business"
"Of Lemons and Lemonade"

Pronoun Agreement and Reference

Pronoun Types

Adjectives and Adverbs (Chapters 28, 29, 30)

Week 5: Part Two: Chapters 12 and 13

"A Hanging"

"Why My Mother Can't Speak English"

Misplaced Modifiers
Dangling Modifiers
(Chapters 31, 32)

Writing Assignment #2 (due next week)

---- Week 6: Part Two: Chapter 14

"He Was a Boxer When I Was Small"

"Five Parenting Styles"

Manuscript Form Capital Letters

Numbers and Abbreviations (Chapters 33, 34, 35)

----- Week 7: Part Two: Chapter 15

"Where the World Began"
"The Advertiser's Man"
Apostrophe, Quotation Marks,
Comma, Other Punctuation Marks

(Chapters 36, 37, 38, 39)

Week 8: Part Two: Chapter 16

"The Faithful"

"Here's to Your Health"

Spelling Improvement/Commonly Confused Words

(Chapters 40, 41)

Editing Tests #3 and #4

Week 9: Part Three: Chapters 17 and 18

"Coffee"

"How to Make it in College, Now That You're

Here"

Effective Word Choice/ESL Pointers (Chapters 42, 43)

Editing Tests #5 and #6

Week 10: Part Three: Chapter 19

"In Praise of the F Word"

Writing Assignment #3 (due next week)

Week 11: Part Three: Chapters 20, 21

"The Pain of Animals

Research Paper (due last class meeting of the

term)

- research required
- must demonstrate correct use of MLA-style

documentation

- six to eight pages (1500 to 2000 words)
- must be a locally-based topic
- separate sheet detailing precise requirements will

be distributed

Editing Tests #7 and #8

-----Week 12:

"High Fences"

Research paper: workshop sessions

- a) developing topic
- b) developing thesis
- c) finding evidence
- Editing Test #9

Week 13:

"Information Overload"

Research Paper: workshop sessions a) integrating quoted material

10%

Week 14: Editing Test #10

Research Paper: Works Cited, final considerations Important Note: completed research paper will be collected at the beginning of the last class of the term. Do not slip under my door.

Evaluation: Your grade will be comprised of the following items:

A. Essay #1: (750 words)

B. Essay #2 (750 words) 10%

C. Essay #3 (750 words) 10%

D. Research Essay (1500-2000 words) 30%

E. 12 editing tests 15%

F. 20 reading comprehension tests 25%

Grade ranges:

A+ 95-100% B+ 80-84 C+ 65-69 F 0-49

A 90-94 B 75-79 C 60-64 A- 85-89 B- 70-74 D 50-59