

English 150 - English Composition -Winter 2003

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Required Text: College Writing Skills with Readings 3rd 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 and Written Assignments

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)
Essay #1 assigned

Week 3: Part One: Chapters 3 and 4
Part Two: Chapters 9 and 10
"Smash Thy Neighbour"
Regular and Irregular Verbs
Subject Verb Agreement and Reference
Additional Information about Verbs
(Chapters 25, 26, 27)

Week 4: Part One: Chapters 5 and 6
Part Two: Chapter 11
"My Body is My Own Business"

Pronoun Agreement and Reference
Pronoun Types

(Chapters 28, 29, 30)
Essay #2 assigned

Week 5: Part Two: Chapters 12 and 13
 "Why My Mother Can't Speak English"
Misplaced Modifiers
Dangling Modifiers
(Chapters 31, 32)

Week 6: Part Two: Chapter 14
 "Five Parenting Styles"
Manuscript Form
Capital Letters
Numbers and Abbreviations
(Chapters 33, 34, 35)

Week 7: Part Two: Chapter 15
 "Where the World Began"
Apostrophe, Quotation Marks,
Comma, Other Punctuation Marks
(Chapters 36, 37, 38, 39)
Essay #3 assigned

Week 8: Part Two: Chapter 16
 "Here's to Your Health"
Spelling Improvement/Commonly Confused Words
(Chapters 40, 41)

Week 9: Part Three: Chapters 17 and 18
 "Coffee"
Effective Word Choice/ESL Pointers (Chapters
42, 43)
Essay #4 assigned

Week 10: Part Three: Chapter 19
 "In Praise of the F Word"

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

Week 12: Research paper: workshop sessions
 a) developing topic
 b) developing thesis
 c) finding evidence
 Editing Test (in-class)

Week 13: Research Paper: workshop sessions
 a) integrating quoted material

Week 14: 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)	10%
B.	Essay #2 (750 words)	10%
C.	Essay #3 (750 words)	10%
D.	Essay #4 (1000 words)	20%
E.	RESEARCH ESSAY (1500-2000 words)	30%
F.	Editing Test	20%

Grade ranges:

A+	95-100%	B+	80-84	C+	65-69	F	0-49
A	90-94	B	75-79	C	60-64		