

English 150 - English Composition - Winter 2005

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Required Texts: Respond in Writing, by Ricki Heller

The Practical Writer, Bailey & Powell

General Guidelines:

1. **Write your own papers!** Plagiarism and/or using someone else's essay is an academic crime. Please refer to departmental handout.
 2. If you are absent on an in-class essay writing day or quiz, you receive a zero for the missed essay unless you have a doctor's note excusing the absence.
 3. Essays will be collected at the beginning of class on the due date – late essays will be levied a 10% penalty per day, unless accompanied by a note from a medical practitioner.
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Week One	Chapter Three (Heller 72-79) Model Student Essay: Description (80) "A Street of Villages" (83) The Five-Paragraph Essay (Bailey 75-90)
Week Two	"Hesquiaht - a People, a Place, and a Language" (88) "Excess on the High Seas" (97) The Five-Paragraph Essay (Bailey 75-90) Sentence Fragment (Baily 324-328) Comma Splice and Fused Sentence (Bailey 329-333)
Week Three	In-Class Essay (Description) Chapter Six (161-168)

Model Student Essay: Process (169)
"My Conversion from No Religion to Judaism" (179)
Thesis Statement with Blueprint (Bailey 99-106)
"Pet Bereavement" (191)
"Nature's Cling-Ons" (197)
Misplaced Modifiers (Bailey 394)

Week Four Chapter Seven (201-207)
Chapter Seventeen (Bailey 152-160)
Model Student Essay: Classification (208)
"Time Thieves" (212)
"Mother Tongue" (230)
"Notes That Resonate for a Lifetime" (237)
Comma (Bailey 334-343)

Week Five Quiz: Grammar
Chapter Eight (241-248)
Chapter Fifteen (Bailey 131-140)
Model Student Essay: Comparison and Contrast (249)

Week Six "Gender Gap in Cyberspace" (252)
"Cheapskates" (257)
"D'oh! An Analysis of the Medical Care Provided to the Family
of Homer J. Simpson" (262)
Semicolon/Colon (Bailey 344-351)

Week Seven Chapter Ten (318-326)
Chapter Sixteen (Bailey 141-151)
Model Student Essay: Cause and Effect (326)
"How Old is Too Young?" (330)
"Saving the Earth" (349)
"Bad Girls" (358)
Apostrophe (Bailey 355-358); Parallelism (Bailey 383-393)

Week Eight Chapter Eleven (365-377)
Model Student Essay: Argument (377)
"The Myth of Cottage Life" (381)
"Homeless in Paradise" (390)

"At Play in the Fields of the Savage God: The Art of Suicide in Popular Culture" (402)
Misused Modifiers (Bailey 394-400)
Subject-Verb Agreement (401-409)

Weeks 9 & 10 Chapter Thirteen (Heller): Research and Documentation (Preparation for Research Paper) 483-541 (MLA style only).

Chapter 23 - Using Borrowed Material in Your Paper (Bailey)
Chapter 24 - Parenthetical Documentation (Bailey)
Chapter 25 - Works Cited (Bailey)

Week Eleven Research Essay Workshop

Week Twelve "The Story of an Hour" (411)
"The Loons" (416)
"The Lost Salt Gift of Blood" (427)

Week Thirteen Pronoun Agreement
Passive Voice
Word Choice (All Bailey, 410-433)

Week Fourteen In-Class Exam: Short Story Essay
In-Class Quiz: Grammar

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

Essay #1 (required): In-class (Description) 500 words	10%
Essay #2 (required): out-of-class (Process) 750 words	20%
Essay #3 (first option): out-of-class (Classification) 750 words	20%
Essay #3 (second option): out-of-class (Comparison & Contrast) 750 words	20%
Essay #3 (third option): out-of-class (Cause and Effect) 750 words	20%
Essay #3 (fourth option): out-of-class (Argument) 750 words	20%

Essay #4 (required): out-of-class. Major research paper: local topic must be approved by instructor. 2000 words 25%

Essay #5 (required): in-class. Literary paper on short story. 750 words 15%

Note: you must write a total of **five essays**, of which the two in-class papers (Description, Literary), and the Research Paper are mandatory. There are four choices for essay #3 of which you must pick one.

Quizzes (mandatory):

Grammar Quiz #1 5%

Grammar Quiz #2 5%

Note: Students will be expected to write, in total, approximately 4500-5000 words.

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	