

EWRT 1A COLLEGE COMPOSITION AND READING

5 UNITS

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About This Course: English 1A is a course in college-level reading, critical thinking, and expository and argumentative writing. We will be writing the college expository essay with its various parts (ex. Thesis statements; multi-paragraphs; paragraph transitions; citations) and its various rhetorical styles. This course is also designed to help you generate insights regarding multicultural, socioeconomic, and interpersonal issues, and express these ideas in written form. The class operates as a workshop, seminar, and lecture class. It also involves research and various communication skills.

Required Texts:

- 1) Maasik, Sonia and Jack Solomon. California Dreams and Realities.
- 2) Pham, Andrew. Catfish and Mandala.
- 3) Hacker, Diana. A Writer's Reference.

Course Requirements and Policies

Your grade for the course will be based on the following points. There are 200 total points possible.

Writing Sample Short Essay One	10 points
Essay Two (Definition)	35 points
Essay Three (Persuasion/ in-class/Bluebook)	35
Essay Four (Argumentation)	35
Essay Five (Literary/Comparison)	35
Reading Quizzes (3 quizzes)	15
Final Essay Six (Revision Project)	20
Attendance and Participation	15

***Take home essays must be typed (with computer or typewriter) on standard paper. They should also be double-spaced, with 1-inch margins all around. Your name, the course title, assignment title, and the date should be listed in the upper left-hand corner of the first page. Please staple or paper-clip the pages of the essay together.

Attendance Sheet: An attendance roll sheet will be passed around at the start of every class. This will be my record of your attendance. It is your responsibility to make sure you signed it. Otherwise, I will count you as absent.

Absences and Missed Lessons: This is a quarter system. It is much more intensive than a semester system. However, school policy traditionally allows up to **two excused** absences. Excused means you were ill or had a personal situation that prevented you from attending class. Please call and leave me a voicemail message (or e-mail message) to inform me of your absence. If this step is not taken, your absence is marked unexcused. You are still responsible for all readings and homework missed, so you should contact a classmate to brief yourself on the lesson you missed that day. Excessive absences may lead to a reduction of grade points and/or a failing grade.

College Behavior and Plagiarism Policy: College behavior involves the civilized sharing of ideas and the support of learning for people of all backgrounds. Plagiarism of any type is not tolerated and may lead to failure in the class or further suspension from the campus. Please speak to me when you are unsure whether your work involves plagiarism.

Cell Phones and Other Equipment: Please—no cell phones, beepers, headphones, or other electronic equipment may be on, or used, during our class session. No photography or videotaping in the classroom. For those of you that use a cell phone in the caretaking of a small child or ill person, please speak to me for an exception to this policy.

Final Note: I sincerely look forward to teaching this class and helping you become a better critical thinker and writer. Also, if you have any special needs or requests (a diagnosed learning disability; a physical disability; anything at all that might affect your learning), don't hesitate to come to me—we will create a learning environment that works for you.

I, _____, understand and agree to follow the policies of Ms. Fleming's EWRT 1A course. I am aware that the amount of points I accumulate throughout the quarter determines my grade for the class.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

e-mail: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Previous Writing Class and Instructor:

Favorite Books or Magazines: