English 1A03 Tutorial

Tutorial 1

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* Office hours:
  + Thursday from 1pm – 2pm
    - Room CNH 220
* Essay #1 is due October 3rd
  + Poem: Still I Rise, By Maya Angelou

Tutorial 2

* The poem (Evening Hawk) is about:
  + The hawk represents and embodies humanity
    - The hawk is soaring over earth
      * Its wings cut at the earth
        + Represents our wings and the damage we do to the earth
        + We leave our footprints on the earth
  + Deals with nature and time and how we affect it
  + From the dawn of civilization, humans have impacted the earth
  + We are insignificant to the earth
    - The earth is so grand and we are so so small
  + What we do to the earth matters because we either take care of it or harm it
    - Everything we do leaves an impact on the earth
      * Often times we damage the earth
  + We are born, we alter the earth, and die
    - All while the earth continues to spin and live on
  + The universe is constant, but humanity isn't guaranteed to survive
    - An asteroid can easily wipe us out
      * So can hurricanes and earthquakes

Tutorial 3

* The poem (Two Words: A Wedding) is about:
  + Relationships and specifically your relationships with people, things, your job, etc.
    - These things define you. Everything you have ever done in life, is a result of the actions you have taken.
      * You are you because of the thoughts you have, people you accompany yourself with, the stuff you do/your actions
        + THESE ARE THE DEFINING MOMENTS OF YOUR LIFE
  + i.e. You fall down and get a permanent scar, that scar is now officially a part of you. You take a picture and it'll show. You wear a t shirt and people will see it. Those who do not know your name, will use it to define you.
    - You are affected by every driving factor in your life
  + Two words: I do
    - This means that you are taking action and approving of it
      * A wedding is a union between any two things.
        + i.e. Poutine is a wedding of food; fries and gravy

Tutorial 4

* Good thesis for Essay #1
  + Angelou directs her voice at systematic oppression, the “entity”, which serves as the subject addressed in her poem “Still I Rise”. With an unpretentious tone, thoughtful structuring and effective smiles, Angelou stands up to fight oppression
    - This thesis isn’t the gold mine, but gets the job done. The rest lies in the following paragraphs and supporting arguments
* For Essay #2, the poem is: Tell Tale Heart
  + By Edgar Allan Poe
* Essay tips
  + Write essays in present tense
  + No figurative language
    - Don’t use big words that make no sense
      * Keep it simple
  + Avoid clichés
  + Tenses are super important
    - They properly join your ideas and paragraphs together
  + Always refer back to your thesis and connect it together with your ideas
  + Cite everything you retrieve off of the internet
    - Over-citing is fine, but under-citing can land you into trouble