# Introductory Worksheet

Name (preferred nickname if relevant):

Year:

Major or desired major or dream profession:

What is science? How do you feel about science?

How do you feel about writing?

**Course Contract:**

The maximum number of absences, under penalty of course expulsion, is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The penalty for a late assignment is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this course is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When I text during class, the teacher can/cannot tell and is/is not offended.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# Syllabus

NB: THIS IS NOT THE OFFICIAL SYLLABUS. YOU CAN FIND THE OFFICIAL SYLLABUS ONLINE: <http://www.halperta.com/rhe309k-spring2014/syllabus.html>

**Course Information**

**Course Name:** Rhetoric & Writing  
**Course Number:** RHE 309K (44665)  
**Semester:** Fall 2014  
**Time:** Tues/Thurs 2:00 - 3:30  
**Room:** GEA 114  
**Course Website:** http://www.halperta.com/rhe309k-spring2014

**Instructor Contact Information**

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**Syllabus and Text**

*Textbooks*

* Graff, G., & Birkenstein, C. *They Say, I Say.* (2007) New York: W. W. Norton and Company. (978-0393933611)
* Lunsford, A. *Easy Writer with 2009 MLA and 2010 APA Updates: A Pocket Reference.* (2011). Boston: Bedford/Martin’s. (9780312650315)
* Mukherjee, S. *The Best American Science and Nature Writing: 2013.* (2013.) New York: Mariner Books. (978-0544003439 )

**Coursework**

You will be graded on the following assignments this term:

Oral presentations: 10%  
Research Summaries: 10%  
Essay 1.1: 10%  
Essay 1.2: 10%  
Interview Report: 10%  
Researcher Profile: 10%  
Portfolio drafts: 20%  
Final Portfolio: 20%

**Major Assignments**

Students will write and revise one 4-7 page analytic essay. They will write and revise a publishing portfolio containing one interview profile and three articles. They will also complete a research proposal, an interview, and two short writing assignments, and present their research to the class.

**Grading**

This class will use the university plus/minus grading scale for assignment and final grades.

A = 94-100   
A- = 90-93   
B+ = 87-89   
B = 84-86   
B- = 80-83   
C+ = 77-79   
C = 74-76   
C- = 70-73   
D+ = 67-69   
D = 64-66   
D- = 60-63   
F = 0-60

**Late Work**

Late Work: Late work is penalized according to the following scale:

* Up to 24 hours (1 day): -5%
* 24-48 hours (2 days): -30%
* 3-5 days: -10% for each additional day.
* More than 5 days: no credit.

All Research Summaries and Essays must contain the following information. Missing information will be penalized in the following manner:

* Name (upper left corner): 2 points
* Date (upper left corner): 2 points
* Rhetoric 309k (upper left corner): 2 points
* Title: top center: 2 points
* Page numbers: 2 points
* Proper Formatting:
  + RS: 1.5 spaced, Times New Roman or Garamond fonts: 2 points
  + Essay: 1.5 spaced, Times New Roman or Garamond fonts: 2 points
  + Note: essays written in more than one font will receive a 7-point penalty.
* Proper APA Citation:
  + Every submitted paper must have references to be accepted. Missing references result in resubmission, plus a 10% penalty.
  + Research Summary Citation: Above title
  + Essay citation: On “references” page
  + Formatting errors: -1 point for each error
  + Content errors: -3 points for each error

**Attendance Policy**

You are expected to attend class, to arrive on time, to have prepared assigned reading and writing, and to participate in all in-class editing, revising, and discussion sessions. Should you miss the equivalent of five class sessions, excused or not, you will fail the course.

This is a departmental policy. See the complete syllabus for a more detailed attendance policy.

**Tardiness**

If you miss roll call, you are responsible for making sure your attendance is marked. Three cases of extreme tardiness (10 minutes or more) will count as an absence.

**Scholastic Honesty, Plagiarism, and Collusion**

Turning in work that is not your own, or any other form of scholastic dishonesty, will result in a major course penalty, possibly failure of the course. This standard applies to all drafts and assignments, and a report of the incident will be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students and filed in your permanent UT record.

See the complete syllabus for a more detailed scholastic honesty and plagiarism policy.

**Students With Disabilities**

Any student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 512-471-6259 (voice) or 1-866-329-3986 (video phone) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations. More information is available online at http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd.