

English 181: Writing About Literature

Fall 2000

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Humanities 203

M - F 1:30 - 2:30

Texts: Practical English Handbook (PEH) and The Bedford Introduction to Literature

Page numbers refer to the Bedford, unless noted otherwise.

Schedule of Assignments

8/30 Introduction

8/ 1 1-17

9/ 6 185-212, 271-273

9/ 8 381-406

9/11 Workshop (complete rough draft due); 2063-2098

9/13 Paper 1 due; 310-319

9/15 481-493; 512-515

9/18 528-542

9/20 576-580; 653-664

9/22 Workshop

9/25 paper 2 due; 1169-82

9/27 1266-1303

9/29 1563-1612; 1638-1643

10/ 2 1614-1624

10/ 4 1729-1792

10/ 6 Workshop

10/ 9 Paper 3 due

10/11 Catch-up Day

10/13 Mid Term Essay Exam (PEH 2118-2122 on taking essay exams)

10/16 Fall Break

10/18 1672-1728

10/20 1794-1863

10/23 1794-1863 (cont.); PEH: 354-451 (skim)

10/25 1864-1910

10/27 Catch-up Day

10/30 2099-2117; Thesis & first draft of first paragraph due

11/ 1 671-709

11/ 3 Library work

11/ 6 Workshop Day

11/ 8 Paper # 4 Due

11/10 710-716

11/13 717-726

11/15 Rough draft of Research Project Due: 5 pm

11/17 727-740

11/20 752-759

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Guidelines

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1. Since the course involves active class participation, you need to be in class every day. Each absence will result in one point off the final grade per absence. After the first five absences, each additional absence will result in two points off the final grade per absence. However, you may miss two classes without penalty, if you wish. They could be used for illness or whatever you believe important.
2. The Mid Term and Final In-class Essay Exams, covering readings and discussion, will consist of short in-class essays, graded for writing ability and content. The Mid Term will cover the first half of class; the Final, the second half. The Final will be your opportunity to really see some improvement in your writing and your analysis of great literature.
3. The 5 papers should be 750 words in length (about 3 pages). Workshop Day will precede the due date for each paper; complete rough drafts will be due then. Papers will relate to readings from the text. They are due at the beginning of class. Late papers will be marked down one letter grade per day, beginning at the time due; this includes late complete rough drafts for Workshop Day. After the first paper is returned, make an appointment with me so we can see how you are doing. The HONOR CODE is always in effect.
4. Homework consists of paragraphs, readings, corrections of papers, and unannounced quizzes (brief and factual). Since they are usually related to the work we do in class on a particular day, they really cannot be made up if you miss class or are late, although homework may be turned in early. If you are late, you may miss a quiz entirely!
5. For the research paper (7-8 pages) the grade earned will include work on topic selection, thesis, outline, notes, and drafts, and the paper itself. A sheet of requirements will be distributed. You will have wide latitude in your paper topic, so this should be an exciting project.
6. Class participation includes attendance, attention in class, discussion and, for those who wish, participation in the LearnLink conference for this class.
7. No plus (+) or minus (-) will be recorded with your final grade.
8. Keep your syllabus handy; think of it as an agreement between us. It will be posted on our Learnlink conference, too.

Grading Policy

**Papers 40%, Final 15%, Research 15%, Mid Term 10%,
Homework & Quizzes 10%, Class Participation 10%**