**Final Exam**

UWP 104E Science Writing

The final exam is your opportunity to show me evidence in a short essay of 1000-1200 words your use of the writing strategies we’ve practiced this quarter both in past content and current technique.

**Write an entry for the course SmartSite Wiki.** First, before the final exam, write a paragraph to future students in your major detailing your experience researching and writing about the topic(s) you’ve chosen this quarter. Add a title to the paragraph using sufficient technical terminology for an expert audience, then compile a bibliography of *all* the sources you used during the quarter to write your papers. I will evaluate the entry on the depth of detail in the opening paragraph, the thoroughness of the title and bibliography, the addition of any other useful links, jpegs, database or contact suggestions, and so on. Post the entry (title, paragraph, and bibliography) to the link in the SmartSite Wiki dedicated to your major. You should not include your name. If a link does not exist for your major, feel free to create one, or let me know and I will create one for you. In addition to posting the entry online, include it at the end of the Word document you use for your final exam.

**Gather Passages from Past Assignments.** Next, review the feedback you received from me and from your classmates on first and final drafts of past class assignments, then look for examples in ensuing assignments in which you responded to that feedback. For example, you might point to a comment I added to the final draft of your Literature Review asking for a paragraph transition, then to a paragraph transition you added to the first draft of the Magazine/Internet Article. You can find other examples of writing strategies we’ve been practicing this quarter in my marginal and end comments in your drafts and in the grading standards for the various assignments. Copy passages from your past drafts and paste them into the Word document you’ll use for your final exam as evidence or examples.

Note that if you use feedback from other students’ Critique Memos, you should type those critique comments into the document yourself or ask those students for electronic copies of their Critique Memos to copy and paste from.

**Write Your Final Exam.** Beginning at the top of the Word document containing your Wiki posting and examples of your past work, write an essay in which you use these specific examples of previous feedback you’ve gotten from me or other students in the class on past assignments, followed by examples from ensuing drafts or assignments in which you responded to that feedback. Construct an argument showing your improvement as a writer.

Be sure that in writing the final exam you actually use the good techniques you’re arguing you have developed. For example, if you point to my comments on a Literature Review about paragraph transitions and show your inclusion of more effective paragraph transitions in the Magazine/Internet Article, be sure to employ effective paragraph transitions in the final exam itself.

As usual, please use Times New Roman 12-point font with double spacing. Upload your final exam (which includes the Wiki entry at the end) to the course SmartSite Assignment Tool. My written feedback on the final exam is usually limited to the grade you receive, though I’m happy to meet with you and provide in-depth verbal feedback.

Final Checklist

As you prepare for and complete the final exam, make sure you….

* Post anonymously to the link dedicated to your major on the course SmartSite Wiki, including a title of your topic (directed at experts), a paragraph detailing your experience with the topic this quarter (giving advice to future students considering the topic), and a complete bibliography of all the sources you used this quarter
* Also paste the Wiki entry into the end of the Word document you’ll use for your final exam
* Find feedback given to you on past assignments in the class (by me or other students) and examples of your writing which illustrate both the inadequacies commented on and later improvements
* Copy and paste all the past work you want to use into the same Word document containing the Wiki posting
* Type any comments from other students’ Critique Memos you want to use into the same document
* Beginning at the top of this Word document, write a short essay of 1000-1200 words directed to me detailing your use of the writing strategies we’ve practiced this quarter both in past content and current technique, including in the text any relevant passages from your past assignments as evidence
* Upload to the SmartSite Assignment Tool the final exam (which includes both your final exam and, at the end, the Wiki posting)