

I will announce exact days and times that I will collect these materials soon It will most likely be 2 or 3 days during finals week.

Hi All,

Here is your final bonus opportunity for the year (outside of any in-class attendance activity we may do). All bonus points will be put towards your last exam. With any of these bonus opportunities, you need to follow directions EXACTLY as stated in order to get credit. Please do not ask how much these are worth in terms of points. As I have gone over many, many times, I use these activities to boost exam averages IF I NEED TO DO SO. If the average on the exam 4 score is lower than I want it to be (and it usually is compared to the other exams), then I use these for bonus points to raise the average. If the exam 4 score average is high, then they are not worth nearly as much. Since I am not a psychic (and if I was, I'd have won the Powerball lottery many years ago and be sipping margaritas on some Carribean Island getting some rays right now...), I have no idea what the average on exam 4 will be, so I can't tell you how much these will be worth. You can do one or more bonuses, or none at all. It is completely up to you.

Failure to follow directions will result in zero bonus points added to you last exam. You can pick from the bonus activities below. **DO NOT SPEND ANY MONEY ON THIS ACTIVITY!!!** These are things you probably have laying around the house and are designed to be a HUMANITARIAN activity!

On a 3x5 index card, place the following information:

1. Name
2. Course and Section you are enrolled in
3. Depending on which bonus you do, SECURELY TAPE/ATTACH/PLACE INSIDE DONATION BAG the index card to your item(s). As I collect the items (days and times to be announced later), I will remove the index card so you are sure to get credit.

Bonus A: Used textbooks

Amnesty International and other agencies do a book drive every year. These books include used (not old/ancient, less than 5 years old) textbooks such as science, humanities, art history, english, etc. that you are no longer using or have no value for buyback. **This DOES NOT INCLUDE things like magazines, encyclopedias, or very outdated books (greater than 5 years old). I am NOT collecting spiral bound, three ring binder or loose-leaf texts. They MUST be hardcover or softcover with a spine. They do not need to be Biology or Science books.** Books from an English literature class etc. will work count. Many times you use a book for a class and the bookstore does not buy them back since they have no resale value and these are types of books you could donate.

****** If you do NOT need your Biology textbook any more, you can also think about donating it. I keep several on file for students that do not have funds to purchase a textbook. *****

Bonus B: Old cell phones

Many of you may have old cell phones that you no longer use. These phones can be re-programed so that they can only dial 911 for emergency purposes, re-purposed for scrap materials, or recycled properly so that they do not end up in the environment. Phones that are not working are also acceptable (cracked screens, etc. Agencies can use them for parts I think). If you are doing this bonus opportunity, please make sure that the phone is UNLOCKED (i.e. remove any start-up code) and **REMOVE any SIM card** (to protect your personal information) that may be in the phone. **Locked or password protected phones are not usable.**

Bonus C: Blood Donation

The winter is a critical time for the Red Cross and many of its affiliates in terms of blood donations. You can donate blood (or plasma if you are so inclined) and give me a copy of the donation form for bonus. If you can not donate blood or plasma, **you can have someone donate on your behalf.** I don't really care where the blood/plasma is coming from, a donation is a donation! Donations MUST have been completed between October 1st, 2019 and the last day that I collect bonus items during finals week. I need PROOF that you donated, which can be the paperwork/receipt that you are given at the end of the donation process. This is what you would submit to me on the collection date.

Bonus D: Animal Shelter

They can always use items such as wet canned food (cats and dogs, any brand), used leashes, used collars and treats for dogs and cats. They get their dry dog/cat food from Science Diet and a deeply discounted rate (for rescues) so dry food is NOT needed. They can always use all the other stuff that makes the animals happy. Rawhides, Milkbones, Beggin Strips, Pupperoni, tennis balls, and stuff like that goes a long way for these rescue animals! The donation will be given to Zeus' Place, one of the rescue shelters here in New Orleans and made in honor of my hound, Lucas, who I lost last year. For more information about Zeus' Place, check out this link: <http://www.zeusplace.com/>

I will designate a day(s) to collect these items, which I will announce towards the end of the semester.

Please do not leave items outside my office door, as they will be discarded by Facility Services people.

Thanks,
Adam

P.S. You can do one, all, or none of these activities. This is a HUMANITARIAN activity, so please do not ask how many points each one is worth. Again, it depends on the average on the last exam. Since each exam has been "curved" or "bonus added", there will NOT be a curve place on the final averages in the course. The grading scale is listed below for course averages:

98.0-100.0 = A+
92.0-97.9 = A
90.0-91.9 = A-
88.0-89.9 = B+
82.0-87.9 = B
80.0-81.9 = B-
78.0-79.9 = C+
72.0-77.9 = C
70.0-71.9 = C-
68.0-69.9 = D+
62.0-67.9 = D
60.0-61.9 = D-
59.9 and lower = F

After the final exam is over and I post grades, I will NOT under any circumstances accept any bonus donations (even in the case where it would bump you to the next grade). So, if you plan on participating, please make sure you get it to me on time. **As I stated above, these activities are designed as humanitarian efforts and you should NOT spend any money on them.**