BCS 102 Final Composition

Spring 2023

In lieu of a traditional final you’ll be writing a composition in BCS of **300-400 words**. This should come out to around 1 page, double spaced. For this composition I want you to write a biography of someone. This can be an autobiography, or you can write about a family member, or a historical figure. You can also write about a fictional person, either one that already exists, or one that you made up. **Be creative**.

*Technicalities:*

\*300-400 words, typed, double spaced, in legible font

\*staying on topic

\*in BCS (you need only write in the variant you’ve chosen)

\*you may write in the Latin alphabet, but you must include all diacritical marks (đ, š, č, ć, ž, etc.)

*Grading:*

\*completion of assignment

\*following the above directions

\*length

\*most importantly: grammar (this includes the use of diacritical marks)

**Important**: No late assignments will be accepted. You must turn in a hard copy or email me your composition, written in full, by **the beginning of class** on Wednesday, **May 3rd.** Bear in mind that this composition is your **final exam**, and as such I expect it to be the best work you can do.

*Tips for success:*

\*Do **NOT** write out your composition in English and then translate into BCS. This is extra work for you, and it completely misses the point of the assignment. More importantly, **I will be able to tell if you do this.**

\*However, I suggest that you either **outline or jot down some notes in English before you begin** to write in BCS. This will help center you and focus your writing. Additionally, it’ll get you to start thinking about the grammar and vocabulary you’ll need to utilize in your composition.

\*A paragraph should be around 100 words. Of course, they can (and often are) shorter or longer, but for the purpose of this assignment, 100 words is a good number to aim for per paragraph.

\*Ideally, this assignment should be **spread across 3 days**: 1 day to outline/take notes in English, 1 day to write in BCS, and 1 day to revise. That doesn’t necessarily mean that it’ll take you three full days—it may take you only a half hour or so to outline, a long afternoon to write, and an hour or two to revise. But it’s good to give your mind time to rest while working on any writing.

\***Don’t panic**. I wouldn’t be giving you this assignment if I didn’t think you were capable of it.

If you have any questions, feel free to be in touch.