

SYLLABUS

TEXTS: *Current Issues and Enduring Questions*, 8th Ed., Barnet & Bedau
MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 6th ed., Joseph Gibaldi
Good College Dictionary

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LAB: See Attached Lab Assignment Sheet

JAN

29 T Introduction to the Course and Writing Lab.
Short Diagnostic Writing.
Assignment: Read Current, Chapter 1, pages 3-26.
"Important Course Information," handout.
Bring your copy of Current to class every day.
Read Lab handout.

31 TH Discuss Current, Chapter 1.
Why Learn to Write?
Assignment: Read Current, Chapter 2, pages 31-62.
Read "Endangered Pleasures," handout.

FEB

5 T Description Free Writing. Discuss "Endangered Pleasures."
Assignment: Write a two-page essay describing an "endangered pleasure." Use Holland's writing as a model. Be as detailed, specific and convincing as you can.
Essay Due: February 14, 2008.
Read "Description" handout.

7 TH Discuss "Description" handout.
Assignment: Read Current, Chapter 23, pages 659-693.

12 T Exemplification.
Exemplification Free Writing.
Assignment: Read "Exemplification," handout.
Proof and carefully edit your Description Paper.

14 TH Description Essay Due.
Discuss "Exemplification," handout.
Assignment: Type out three sentences directly from the readings on drug sale and legalization which you think have excellent examples in them. Bring them to class on February 19, 2008.

19 T Marking Symbols and Grading. Looking at sentences on drug sale and legalization. Discuss Chapter 23 in Current.
Assignment: Write a two-page essay giving three distinct examples of drug use that you have observed or read about, and argue your position about what, if anything, should be done about them.
Essay Due: March 4, 2008.
Read "Marking Symbols" and "Grading," handout.

21 TH Model Sentences.
Assignment: Complete and correctly label four, original Model Sentences.
Due February 26, 2008.

26 T Model Sentences Due.
Discuss Model Sentences.
Assignment: Read Current, Chapter 21, pages 579-600.

28 TH Comparison and Contrast.
Assignment: Read "Comparison and Contrast," handout.

MAR

4 T Drug Sale and Legalization Essay Due.
Discuss Comparison/Contrast handout.
Assignment: Write a two-page essay comparing and contrasting your view of a college education with the views of the people around you and in the readings.
Essay Due: March 18, 2008.

6 TH Discuss Chapter 17 in Current.
Assignment: Bring your dictionary to class on October 16, 2007.
Read "Get Hold of a Dictionary," handout.

11 T The Dictionary Re-discovered.
Assignment: Duplicate any entry (over 6 lines long) from your dictionary and label every part to show that you understand your dictionary works. Use your dictionary's introduction to help you with this assignment.
Due: March 13, 2008.

13 TH Dictionary Assignment Due.
Analysis.
Assignment: Read "Analysis," handout.

18 T Discuss "Analysis," handout. College Education Essay Due.
Assignment: Read Current, Chapter 24, pages 695-709.

20 TH Discuss Current, Chapter 25.
Assignment: Write a two-page analytical essay arguing your point of view on the Immigration Debate. Feel free to use the library and/or Internet for further current information on the development of this debate.
Essay Due: April 10, 2008.

24/30 M/F Spring Break. Be careful. Enjoy!

APR

- 1 T Writing a clear, analytical thesis statement.
Assignment: Write a clear, analytical thesis statement for an Analysis Essay on any topic of your choice.
Due: April 3, 2008.
- 3 TH Analysis Thesis Statement Due.
Discuss Student Thesis Statements.
Assignment: Read “Parenthetical Citation,” handout.
- 8 T Parenthetical Citations and the Fair Use of Sources.
Assignment: Read Current, Chapter 27, pages 257-278.
- 10 TH Research on the Internet. (Meet at 3rd Floor, Building 1 — Library)
Immigration Debate Essay Due.
Assignment: Begin looking at the “Informal Fallacies,” exercise.
- 15 T Informal Fallacies.
Assignment: Complete Informal Fallacies exercise for November 8, 2007.
Read Current, Chapter 27, pages 279-299.
- 17 TH Informal Fallacies Exercise.
Assignment: Bring the exact date, time, and place of your birthday to class on April 24, 2008. Bring a copy of your birth certificate if you can. Write a four-page documented essay on your exact birth date. This essay must contain at least four perfect Parenthetical Citations and a Works Cited List with at least twenty entries.
Essay Due: May 13, 2008. No re-writes for this Essay.
- 22 T Punctuation Review
Assignment: Correct “Punctuation” exercise.
Find one book, one magazine, one pamphlet/journal or AV source, and one Internet source that tells you something specific and interesting about the day of your birth. Turn in four perfect works cited cards for the sources you turned up. Cards due April 29, 2008.
- 24 TH Discuss Punctuation Exercise.
Assignment: Formulate a good solid thesis statement for your documented essay on your birthdate. Due: May 1, 2008.
- 29 T Works Cited Cards Due. Works Cited Lists.
Assignment: Read “Notecard Exercise,” handout

MAY

- 1 TH Discuss Thesis Statements for Your birthday paper..
Assignment: Finish the text of your birthday paper.

- 6 T Discuss “Notecard Exercise.”
Assignment: Proofread your birthday paper.
- 8 TH Discuss Final Essay Prompts
Assignment: Read the final Essay Prompts. Decide on ONE to write about.
- 13 T Birthday Documented Essay Due. (No re-writes for this essay)
Assignment: Bring in three sincere, typed questions which you still have about the content of this course for discussion on May 15, 2008.
- 15 TH Wrap up Discussion. No re-writes accepted after the first minutes of this class hour.
Assignment: Study for Final Exam.

19/23 M-F Final Exams