

Course Syllabus and Policies

English 1302.511

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South Plains College

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Office Hours: I am usually somewhere on campus at 2pm

Class Meetings: MW 4-5:15 PC 124

Required Materials:

Roberts, Edgar and Zweig, Robert. *Literature: An Introduction to Reading and Writing*. Fifth Compact Edition.

Hacker’s *A Writer’s Reference*.

Catalog Course Description:

This course includes a literature review and an application of research methods to produce a college level research paper.

Evaluation

I grade in ranges. For example, a B- ranges from 80-83; B 84-86; B+ 87-89. The percentage grade is assigned for convenience in only averaging grades.

Essays and Writing Assignments

Students who have 4 or fewer absences and have earned an A or B at the time of the final will be exempt from the final examination.

Various students choose to email me their essays. Others choose to turn in a hard copy of their essay. Still others choose to submit through Blackboard. Just get the essay turned in.

Writing Assignment Evaluation Standards

- Superior Essay (A)
- Good Essay (B)
- Average Essay (C)
- No essay (F)

If I return an essay with no grade on it, that means you rewrite it – as soon as possible.

Percentages

Participation	20%
Response Paper 1	12.5%
Response Paper 2	12.5%
Response Paper 3	12.5%
Response Paper 4	12.5%
Research Paper	20%
Final	5%

Course Schedule / Calendar

On Mondays, we will do the literature review

On Wednesdays, we will work on the research paper

1st Week – August 28 - 30

Course Introduction - Syllabus / Elements of Fiction ppt

Response / Review / Reaction Papers

Homework: Read *By the Waters of Babylon* for next Tuesday

Research Paper

Doing the Research

2nd Week – September 6

Discuss *By the Waters of Babylon*

Homework: Read *The Tell-Tale Heart* – p. 440

Research Paper

Choose topic

3rd Week – September 11-13

Discuss *The Tell-Tale Heart*

Homework: *The Cask of Amontillado* pp. 250

Outlining

Research Paper

4th Week – September 18-20

Discuss *The Cask of Amontillado*

Homework: Read *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge* pp. 88

Research Paper

5th Week – September 25-27

Discuss An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge

Homework: Read The Lottery pp. 139

Research paper

6th Week – October 2-4

Discuss The Lottery

Homework: Read The Rule of Names (handout)

7th Week – October 9-11

Discuss The Rule of Names

Homework: The Most Dangerous Game – handout

Response Papers

8th Week – October 16-18

Discuss The Most Dangerous Game

Homework: To Serve Man – handout

9th Week – October 23-25

Discuss To Serve Man

Homework: Dracula's Guest – handout

Research Paper

10th Week – October 30-November 1

Discuss Dracula's Guest

Homework: Snow Queen – handout

Quotations

Paraphrase

Outline

11th Week – November 6-8

Discuss Snow Queen

Homework: Beauty and the Beast – handout

In-Text documentation

MLA style

APA style

12th Week – November 13-15

Discuss Beauty and the Beast
Homework: Snow White
Works Cited

13th Week – November 20

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Rough Draft
Peer Editing Rough Draft

14th Week – November 27-29

Discuss Snow White
Homework: Cinderella
Turn in Research Paper

15th Week – December 4-6

Discuss Cinderella

Finals Week December 11

Return Research Papers during Final time

Course Policies and Procedures

Be Here. Please. I take attendance. If you know you will be absent from class, please notify me, best if by email. You do not need a doctor's note about an absence because an absence is an absence. (Question: what am I going to do with a doctor's note?)

Be Professional. If you must answer a phone call, please answer it somewhere else.

Be Honest.

Be Mentally Present. Got it?

Email. I check email quite frequently during the day; however, I do not always respond immediately.

A Note About Word Processors

For this class, you'll need access to a word processing program. These include:

Microsoft Word 2007 or 2012
OpenOffice – free download – my recommendation
LibreOffice (Linux)
AbiWord – free download

Please use either *.doc or *.docx format – best to put your name and essay type in the file name – it is easier to keep track of it.

Please use Times New Roman 12pt font – the default in Word is Calibri 11pt (I think).

Do not write the whole essay in *italic* or **bold**. Use *italic* or **bold** for emphasis.

Do not use WordPad or Notepad. These do not come with formatting.