Syllabus – Spring 2013 Reading - Writing Connection 10435 English K100 – T1

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Required Texts:

Cooley, Thomas. *Back to the Lake.* 2nd ed. New York: Norton, 2012 Faigley, Lester. *The Brief Penguin Handbook.* Custom ed. New York: Pearson/Longman, 2009.

Required Supplements:

MyWritingLab.com with Comp (included with *The Brief Penguin Handbook* purchase). College Dictionary.

Two folders with pockets (one for handouts and one for handing in essays).

2 notebooks: one for journal responses and one for class notes.

A USB flash drive for backing up your work

- Be prepared to share all assignments with the class
- ❖ Make sure each assignment is the best it can be by editing, proofreading, peer draft review, using MyWritingLab.com and going to the Writing Center & TASC.
- All essays must be typed and in MLA format
- Log on instructions for MyCompLab are in the beginning of the customized Brief Penguin Handbook follow these instructions to log onto MyWritingLabwithComp
- The Writing Center information is listed in the beginning of the customized Brief Penguin Handbook along with "Finding Full-Text Articles" for research

Note:

- ❖ I will accept assignments by email <u>IF and ONLY IF a student must miss class and has notified me prior to 4pm on our class days.</u>
- Almost always, late work is not accepted. A deadline is a deadline. Individual circumstances are assessed on a case by case basis.
- ❖ A missed midterm must be taken within one week of student's return

Course Description:

This course emphasizes the close relationship between reading, writing, and critical thinking. Compositions will be assigned in response to reading non-fiction prose. This course is preparation for ENG 101 and other college-level courses.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

Read and think critically

understand the connections between the reading and writing processes recognize different genres of non-fiction, such as editorials, speeches, and essays recognize common organizational patterns in reading and writing comprehend and summarize college-level reading material to develop their own ideas identify and defend logical inferences based on textual evidence

Write critically and analytically

- demonstrate an understanding of the organizational skills required for academic writing, such as pre-writing activities, outlining, paragraph development, revising, and the ability to thoroughly edit
- demonstrate in reading and writing an understanding of the rhetorical concepts of audience, invention, style, organization, and delivery apply various writing processes in composing unified, coherent and fully developed paragraphs and short essays use an effective thesis or assertion in order to develop more complex essays demonstrate an understanding of the positive and negative impact of word choice choose appropriate language for a given context

Demonstrate information literacy

- evaluate sources for accuracy, validity, and academic relevance
- use information to support and develop their assertions through paraphrasing, quoting, and summarizing
- · cite sources using MLA citation style
- · learn and employ strategies to avoid plagiarism

Apply the foundations of strong academic skills

- develop and use academic reading and speaking vocabularies
- use tools appropriately related to reading and writing, such as dictionaries, thesaurus, and writing handbooks
- utilize word processing programs, including proofreading software, in the writing process
- produce documents according to MLA formatting conventions
- employ strategies for effective editing, including attention to grammar, mechanics, usage, and the conventions of standard American English
- collaborate with others in developing points of views and analyzing writing
- employ effective annotation skills
- use writing and reading for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating in a college setting
- formulate appropriate questions and hypotheses

The final grade will be a letter grade, A - F.

Students must get a "C" or better pass this course.

Grading	is	based	on
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Includes:

- Using MyWritingLab.com with Comp.
- Reading Journals
- > attending all classes
- > participating in class discussions
- small and large group work
- > in class reading and writing
- coming to class prepared by doing the required reading and assignments on time

Assignments, Midterm, and Quizzes.....5%

demonstrates knowledge and critical thinking skills

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Narrative Essay	10%
Compare and Contrast Essay	
Cause and Effect Essay	15%
Argument Essay	15%
Combined Methods Research Essay and Oral Presentation	20%
Exit Exam	20%

Failing exit exam can result in failing the course

A = 93-100

A - = 90 - 92

B + = 87 - 89

B = 83 - 86

B - = 80 - 82

C + = 77 - 79

C = 73 - 76C - = 70 - 72

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D + = 67 - 69

D = 63 - 66D - = 60 - 62

Attendance:

- Students are expected to attend all classes EXCEPT in extenuating circumstances.
- Class begins promptly, don't be late or leave early; it will affect your grade.
- > It is the student's responsibility to find out and do the assignment for any missed class.
- Editing Exercises, Quizzes and Writing Assignments cannot be made up.
- Make up Test, Midterm, or Exit Exam, must be arranged with instructor.

Note:

- ❖ A missed test or exam must be taken within one week of student's return.
- If you are absent you must ask instructor for any handouts missed at the next class.

- Except in extenuating circumstances), work is due on the dates stated in the course outline or by instructor. Sleeping through one's alarm is not an extenuating circumstance.
- Late work is not accepted A deadline is a deadline.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of another person's words or ideas in your writing. If you use any ideas, thoughts, writing, quotes, or even paraphrase some other writer's thinking, you must acknowledge that person. Whether conscious or unconscious, plagiarism is a serious academic offense. Consequences for plagiarism can range from failing the assignment to failing the course.

❖ I TAKE THIS OFFENSE VERY SERIOUSLY!!! Students have failed my classes in the past due to plagiarized work.

Disabilities:

If you have a disability that may affect your progress in this course, please meet with a Disability Service Provider (DSP) as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations cannot be provided until you provide written authorization from a DSP.

TRCC Disabilities Service Providers Counseling & Advising Office Room A-119		
Matt Liscum (860) 383-5240	 Physical Disabilities Sensory Disabilities Medical Disabilities Mental Health Disabilities 	
Chris Scarborough (860) 892-5751	Learning DisabilitiesADD/ADHDAutism Spectrum	

The Writing Center/TASC:

Room: C117 (next to the Library).

Phone: 860-892-5713 or 860-892-5769. Email: TRWritingcenter@trcc.commnet.edu. Online tutoring: http://www.etutoring.org/

Technology:

Turn off your cell phone or other electronic equipment. I will give a reminder on the first day of class. This is another pet peeve of mine so I also take this seriously.

Weather Cancellations:

MyCommNet Alert is a system that sends text messages and emails to anyone signed up in the event of a campus emergency. Additionally, TRCC sends messages when the college is delayed or closed due to weather.

All students are encouraged to sign up for MyCommNet Alert. A tutorial is available on the Educational Technology and Distance Learning Students page of the web site. Please visit the following link:

http://www.trcc.commnet.edu/div_it/educationaltechnology/Tutorials/myCommNetAlert/MIR3.html

College Withdrawal Policy:

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course once class has met must provide notice to the Registrar. Withdrawal forms are available at the Registrar's office in both the campuses and at the office at the Sub-base. Non punitive "W" grades are assigned to withdrawal requests. An instructor's signature is required after the deadline has passed. No withdrawals are permitted after the last class preceding the final exam. Students who do not obtain an official withdrawal, but simply stop attending classes, run the risk of receiving an "F" grade for the course.

Note on Reading and Writing:

Reading and writing are important means of communication. Just as there are different skill levels in any sport, reading and writing have different skill levels and achievement as well. This course will help you to understand different kinds of text and writing and help you to appreciate the importance of improving these communication skills. When you read and think critically you will write better. This course will connect critical reading and writing skills to help you produce interesting, thoughtful and well-constructed papers. By working together, we can accomplish our goals.

Our Classroom

Think of this class as a reading/writing workshop: A place where we meet to read/write, to talk about reading/writing, and to read one another's writing. I urge you to help me create a kind and encouraging environment, so that we may share ideas and learn from one another. We will be reading and discussing controversial topics, and I propose that we avoid debating issues and, instead, try to enter into points of view in order to understand them. "Debate" too frequently consolidates one in a previously held point-of-view, rather than opening up receptiveness to new ideas and perspectives. Moreover, complex ideas generally have so many sides that an antagonistic approach to discussing them merely simplifies them out of their richness. This does not mean that we will always agree with one another, but we should try to disagree in ways that do not assume fixed and absolute positions. In addition, we shouldn't forget that thoughtful questions are as valuable as conclusive statements.

According to Hunter Boylan in *What* Works, as a student, you have basic responsibility for your success: our responsibility is to assist you in meeting your educational goals. The message below will help you take responsibility for your own academic success.

Set goals and evaluate them.

Ask, "Why am I here? What do I want to do? Where do I see myself in two years? What are my long-term goals?" Have a clear understanding of where you are. Have a reasonable plan involving realistic goals and a realistic time frame.

Know what it takes to be successful.

This is what it takes to be successful. Do them consistently!

- > Attend class regularly.
- Complete all assignments by the due date.
- Participate fully in class.
- Schedule regular outside study time.
- Use college survival skills information.
- Participate in college life outside class.
- Request help when needed.

Know where to find help.

- Your instructor
- Your advisor
- Counseling office
- > A peer advisor
- Class study groups

Tuesday	Thursday
The Writing Center information is listed in the beginning of the customized Brief Penguin Handbook along with "Finding Full-Text Articles" for research and in this booklet.	1/24
 1/29 The Writing Process Prewriting Due: Back to the Lake Chapter 1:Good Writers Are Good Readers, p. 1-11 Chapter 2: The Writing Process, p. 12-47 Penguin Handbook: Chapter 1 Think as a Writer, p. 1-6 	1/31
 2/5 ❖ Narration Due: ➤ Be prepared to share the start of your narrative with the class ➤ Be prepared to share a section of dialogue from your narrative essay Back to the Lake ➤ "The Sanctuary of School" by Lynda Barry, p. 84-89 ○ Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 88-89 ➤ "Render Unto Larry's" by Phil Holland, p. 95-98 ○ Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 97-98 	 Professional Day No Class Penguin Handbook, Chapter 7: Write to Reflect, p. 68-74 (7a-7d)
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Due: <i>Back to the Lake</i>	Due:

- Chapter 5: Description, p. 121-141
 - Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely,
 Strategies and Structures, and Thinking
 About Language, p. 138-139
- Be prepared to share a descriptive paragraph from your narrative with the class
- "Little House in the War Zone" by Zainab Salbi, p. 142-14
 - Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely,
 Strategies and Structures, and Thinking
 About Language, p. 144-145
- "More Room" by Judith Ortiz Cooper, p. 152-156
 - Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely,
 Strategies and Structures, and Thinking
 About Language, p. 155-156

- Narrative essay draft due follow guidelines – peer draft workshop – bring copy to share
- If you do not bring a typed draft to workshop you cannot get above a "C" on your narrative
- Be prepared to share your draft with the class

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Example

Due:

Back to the Lake

- Chapter 6: Example, p. 173-189
 - Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely,
 Strategies and Structures, and Thinking
 About Language, p. 186-187
- Be prepared to share an example from your narrative essay with the class
- "All Seven Deadly Sins Committed at Church Bake Sale" from The Onion, p. 190-193
 - Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 192-193
 - Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 192-193

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- Example
- Compare and Contrast Essay

Due:

Narrative essay due – follow guidelines

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- "Happy Meals and Old Spice Guy" by Joanna Weiss, p. 207-210
 - Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 209-210
- Penguin Handbook: Chapter 3
 Compose
 Paragraphs, p. 21-37 (3a-3f)

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- Process Analysis
- Penguin Handbook. Chapter 2, Write a Working Thesis, (2d-2g) p. 14-21

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Process Analysis

 Due: Back to the Lake ➤ Chapter 7: Process Analysis, p. 223-241 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 239 I Will SurviveOr at Least I'll Be Delayed" by Dave Barry, p. 246-249 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 248-249 Penguin Handbook, Chapter 28: Write Concisely, p. 365-371 (28a-28c)	Due: Back to the Lake ➤ "Ten Tips on Making Writing Work for You" by Michael C. Munger, p. 261-266 • Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 264-266 ➤ Be prepared to share your compare/contrast rough draft • Penguin Handbook: Chapter 4 Rewrite, Edit, and Proofread, p. 37-46 (4a-4g)
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 ❖ Comparison and Contrast Due: Back to the Lake ➤ Chapter 8: Comparison and Contrast, p. 269-287 ○ Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p.284 ➤ "The Meaning of Life" by Roger Cohen, p. 291-295 ○ Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 294-295 	 Comparison and Contrast Due: Back to the Lake "Food for the Soul" by Nicholas D. Kristof, p. 303-306 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 305-306 Compare and Contrast Essay draft − peer draft workshop − follow guidelines -bring a copy to share If you do not bring a typed draft to workshop you cannot get above a "C" on your narrative Be prepared to share your draft with the class
3/12	 Penguin Handbook, Chapter 30: Find the Right Words, p. 370-386 (30a-30d) 3/14
 Classification Due: Back to the Lake Chapter 9: Classification, p. 316-335 	❖ Midterm Exam

 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 332 "Verbed! Not Every Noun Wants to Stay That Way, p. 359-362 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 361-362 "But What Do You Mean?" by Deborah Tannen, p. 363-370 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 369-370 	Due: Compare and Contrast Essay – follow guidelines
3/19 ❖ Spring Break! ❖ No Class	3/21 Spring Break! No Class
3/26 ❖ Definition	3/28 ❖ Cause and Effect
Due: Back to the Lake Chapter 10: Definition, p. 374-401 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 198 "How to Know If You're Dead" by Mary Roach, p. 402-409 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking	Due: Back to the Lake ➤ Chapter 11: Cause and Effect, p. 451-483 ○ Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 480-481 ➤ "Why Are Textbooks So Expensive?" by Henry L Roediger III, p. 488-494
About Language, p. 408-409Be prepared to share cause and effect rough draft	 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 493-494
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❖ Cause and Effect	❖ Cause and Effect
Due: **Back to the Lake* **Analyzing the Marriage Gap" by Hal R. Varian,	Due: Back to the Lake Cause and Effect Essay draft due –

 p. 500-503 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 502-503 	follow guidelines – peer draft workshop - bring a copy to share If you do not bring a typed draft to workshop you cannot get above a "C" on your narrative Be prepared to share your draft with the class
4/9 * Argument	4/11
 Due: Back to the Lake ➤ Chapter 12: Argument, p. 513-541 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 538-539 *A More Perfect Union" by Barack Obama, p. 560-573 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 571-572 	Due: Back to the Lake "Buy That Little Girl an Ice Cream Cone" by Michael Lewis, p. 578-581 Reading Journal = answer Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures, and Thinking About Language, p. 580-581 Cause and Effect Essay due − follow guidelines Argument/Combined Research Essay thesis statement − be prepared to share in class.
 4/16 ❖ Argument ❖ Debating Intellectual Property Due: Back to the Lake ➢ Debating Intellectual Property, p. 614-633 • Sarah Wilensky, "Generation Plagiarism," p. 615 • Trip Gabriel, "Plagiarism Lines Blur for Students in Digital Age," p. 618 • Ellen Goodman, "Who Owns Dr. King's 	4/18
Words?" p. 623Lawrence Lessig, "Free Culture," p. 627	Be prepared to share rough draft of argument/combination methods research essay
4/23	4/25 ❖ Argument ❖ Debating the Effects of Digital Culture
Due: Back to the Lake ➤ Debating the Effects of Digital Culture, p. 634-648	Due: Back to the Lake ➤ Reading Arguments, p. 648 ➤ For Writing, # 1, p. 648

 Amy Goldwasser, "What's the Matter with Kids Today?" p. 635 Steven Pinker, "Mind Over Mass Media," p. 640 Peggy Orenstein, "I Tweet, Therefore I Am," p. 644 	 Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay – bring ideas to brainstorm – follow guidelines Penguin Handbook, Researching, p. 165-236 (16a-22f)
 4/30 ❖ Combining the Methods Due: Back to the Lake ➤ Combining Methods, p. 649-659 ➤ "What We Eat," Eric Schlosser, p. 667-674 ○ Reading Journal = Reading with an Eye for the Methods, p. 674 ➤ Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay –Bring research log and articles (highlighted and annotated). Be prepared to share work in class 	 5/2 Combining the Methods Peer Draft Workshop Effective presentations Due: Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay Draft – bring 2 copies of essay draft If you do not bring a typed draft to workshop you cannot get above a "C" on your narrative Be prepared to share your draft with the class
 5/7 Oral Presentations of Argument/Combined Methods Research essay - process and findings Due: Oral Presentations of Research Essay (10 minutes each presentation) –follow guidelines 	 5/9 ❖ Oral Presentations of Research essay - process and findings Due: ➤ Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay (4-6 pages) – follow guidelines - must be in 2 pocket folder with all work included (don't forget prewriting, all drafts, research log and copies of 6 annotated and highlighted articles) ➤ Oral Presentations
 5/14 Oral Presentations of Research essay - process and findings Course Reflection & Review – bring questions Due: Oral Presentations 	5/16 ❖ Exit Exam

This syllabus and course outline is subject to change by the instructor.

"Practice, practice, practice writing. Writing is a craft that requires both talent and acquired skills. You learn by doing, by making mistakes and then seeing where you went wrong."

By Jeffrey A. Carver