

Syllabus – Spring 2013
Reading - Writing Connection
10689 English K100 – T13

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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 on a computer.

- ❖ 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 do not accept assignments by email
- ❖ Late work is not accepted – assignments are used on the date due
- ❖ 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

Grading:

The final grade will be a letter grade, A - F.
Students must get a "C" or better pass this course.

Grading is based on:

Class Participation..... 5%

Participation is extremely important because we learn from each other.

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..... 10%

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 - 76
- C - = 70 - 72
- D + = 67 - 69
- D = 63 - 66
- D - = 60 - 62

Attendance:

- Students are expected to attend all classes. If a student misses classes it will reflect in a lower final grade, regardless of when these absences occur and the reason(s) for which they occur, including illness.
- 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.
- ❖ I do not accept emailed work.
- ❖ If you are absent you must ask instructor for any handouts missed at the next class.

Late Work:

- Work is due on the dates stated in the course outline or by instructor.
- Late work is not accepted – assignments are used on the date due.

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 offence. Consequences for plagiarism can range from failing the assignment to failing the course.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Disabilities• Sensory Disabilities• Medical Disabilities• Mental Health Disabilities
Chris Scarborough (860) 892-5751	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning Disabilities• ADD/ADHD• Autism 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.

Weather Cancellations:

Call 860-886-0177 or go online to: www.trcc.commnet.edu.

Sign up for MyCommNet Alert!

·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. This link should be shared with students.

http://www.trcc.comnet.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 a 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.

The Message

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

(What Works by Hunter Boylan)

Schedule of Assignments

(Subject to change by instructor)

Assignments due on 02/05/2013:

1. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 2: The Writing Process, p.12-47
2. Read Chapter 2, p.6-14 in Penguin Handbook
3. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 3: Learning the Basic Moves of Academic Writing, p.48-61
4. Complete Journal#1 – Reflecting on What You Know
5. In Back to the Lake, read and outline Chapter 4: Narration, p.62-81

Assignments due on 02/12/2013:

1. **Narrative Essay Draft due - ** If you do not bring a typed draft to the workshop you cannot receive above a “C” on your narrative**
2. **Peer Draft Workshop**
3. In Back to the Lake, read and outline p.84-87
4. Complete Journal#2 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.88-89
5. In Back to the Lake, read and outline p.95-97
6. Complete Journal#3 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.97-98

Assignments due on 02/19/2013:

1. Read Chapter 7, p.68-74 in Penguin Handbook
2. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 5: Description, p.121-156
3. Complete Journal#4 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.138-139
4. Complete Journal#5 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.144-145
5. Complete Journal#6 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.155-156

Assignments due on 02/26/2013:

1. **Narrative Essay Final Copy due**
2. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 6: Example, p. 173-186
3. Complete Journal#7 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.186-187
4. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.190-192
5. Complete Journal#8 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.192-193

Assignments due on 03/05/2013:

1. Read Chapter 3, p.21-37 in Penguin Handbook
2. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 7: Process Analysis, p.223-238
3. Complete Journal#9 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.239
4. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.246-248
5. Complete Journal#10 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.248-249
6. Read Chapter 28, p.365-371 in Penguin Handbook

Assignments due on 03/12/2013:

1. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.261-264
2. Complete Journal#11 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.264-266
3. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 8: Comparison and Contrast, p.269-283
4. Complete Journal#12 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.284
5. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p. 291-293
6. Complete Journal#13 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.294-295
7. **Midterm Exam**

Spring Break – No Classes on 03/19/2013

Assignments due on 03/26/2013:

1. **Compare and Contrast Essay Rough Draft Due**
2. **Peer Draft Workshop**
3. Read Chapter 4, p.37-46 in Penguin Handbook
4. Read Chapter 30, p.370-386 in Penguin Handbook
5. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p. 303-305
6. Complete Journal#14 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.305-306

Assignments due on 04/02/2013:

1. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 9: Classification, p. 316-331
2. Complete Journal#15 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.332
3. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.359-361
4. Complete Journal#16 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.361-362
5. **Compare and Contrast Essay Final Copy Due**
6. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 10: Definition, p. 374-397
7. Complete Journal#17 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.397-398

Assignments due on 04/09/2013:

1. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 11: Cause and Effect, p. 451-479
2. Complete Journal#18 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.480-481
3. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.488-493
4. Complete Journal#19 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.493-494
5. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.500-502
6. Complete Journal#20 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.502-503

Assignments due on 04/16/2013:

1. **Cause and Effect Essay Rough Draft Due - ** If you do not bring a typed draft to the Workshop you cannot receive above a "C" on your Essay**
2. **Peer Draft Workshop**
3. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 12: Argument, p.513-541
4. Complete Journal#21 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.538-539
5. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.560-571
6. Complete Journal#22 answer questions for Reading Closely, Strategies and Structures and Thinking About Language, p.571-572

Assignments due on 04/23/2013:

1. **Cause and Effect Essay Final Copy Due**
2. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Debating Intellectual Property, p.614-633
3. Read Chapter 9: Write Arguments, in the Penguin Handbook, p.85-100
4. In Back to the Lake, answer question #1 on p. 633
5. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Debating the Effects of Digital Culture, p. 634-648
6. In Back to the Lake, answer question #1 on p. 648
7. Read "Researching" on p.165-263 in the Penguin Handbook
8. Finalize Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay Proposal

Assignments due on 04/30/2013:

1. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for Chapter 13: Combining the Methods, p. 649-659
2. In Back to the Lake, read and take notes for p.667-674
3. Complete Journal#23 answer questions for Reading With An Eye For the Methods p. 674
4. Bring Research Logs and Highlighted and Annotated Articles for Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay to class
5. **Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay Rough Draft Due**
6. **Peer Draft Workshop**

Assignments due on 05/07/2013:

1. **Oral Presentation of Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay – process and findings**
2. **Argument/Combined Methods Research Essay Final Copy Due**
3. Course Reflection and Review

Exit Exam on May 14, 2013