ENGLISH 1301.SO4 and S13

Course Calendar

WEEK 1
8/24/15 – (Read ahead, and you will notice that the course is front loaded: the first and second weeks have more reading assignments than the following weeks).

Writing Assignment for Week 1
Write an introduction. Details of the assignment are in the folder marked Assignments and submissions. In that folder, open “Assignments.” All assignments listed on the calendar will be posted in that folder.
Due August 26 in Blackboard, Submit Assignment Here—NO LATER THAN 11:30 p.m.
All writing, including posts in the Discussion board, should use correct grammar and punctuation—a good practice, don’t you agree?)

Reading Assignment for Week 1: {See “Assignments” for more information}. See Prezi on Chapters 1 through 3. See summary in “Assignments.”

- Grammar and punctuation assignments throughout the semester {See “Assignments” for details of each link. Your final exam will test you over these rules.)

WEEK 2
8/31/15

Writing Assignment for Week 2 (See “Assignments” for specific details of your first writing assignment)

- PRE-WRITING (in the “Assignments” folder you will find the pre-writing assignment with its due date and possible grade). Your fully detailed responses to the questions in the pre-writing assignment (give complete answers, as your example in the Essay Examples folder will show you) will guide your memoir. This kind of writing is the brainstorming necessary for bringing your ideas to the essay assignment
- MEMOIR—your first essay assignment (see the “Assignments” folder for details).
- The sample student paper in my Essay Examples folder will show you how a memoir differs slightly from the standard essay form.

Pre-writing assignment due on FRIDAY, September 4 in the Submit Assignments Here folder (turnitin.com file). DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION WILL ALWAYS BE AT 11:30 pm.

- Your submission should look like the pre-writing example in the Essay Examples folder. Also notice the amount of sensory detail included. All essays that you write need names, places, dates, facts, and figures.

- DO NOT BEGIN WRITING YOUR MEMOIR UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED THE PRE-WRITING ASSIGNMENT

- READING ASSIGNMENT due Week 2:

Read notes on Chapters 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 in Writing Today (referred to hereafter as WT) {See “Assignments” for details of what I will discuss from these chapters.)

Discussion Assignment {see “Assignments” for detailed instructions}:

WEEK 3
9/7/15

If you would like to make sure the organization of your paper works, you may visit the Writing Center or submit your draft online (you get one lab credit for each paper you submit or each visit to the Writing Center at the college campus). http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/writingcenter/index.html

WEEK 4
9/14/15

- MEMOIR DUE on Monday, September 14 by 11:30 pm, in your Submit Assignments Here folder.
- Reminder: Type the essay on your computer as a Microsoft Word document (saved in Word 97). When saving your essay, use your last name and the essay genre as the document name. Send in your essay by clicking on the Submit Assignments Here icon on the course page and then on the title of the current assignment. Follow directions provided there (turnitin.com is accessed only in Blackboard for this course). If you experience computer problems, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with me to submit a paper copy of the essay. You will be responsible for submitting the essay by email attachment if all else fails. YOU WILL STILL NEED TO WORK OUT YOUR TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY TO MY SUBMISSION FOLDER ON BLACKBOARD.

Writing Assignment for the second essay: Reviews {see the Reviews assignment details in "Assignments”}

Reading Assignment: Read my notes on Chapter 6 on REVIEWS posted in Blackboard. In addition to the student essay posted in Blackboard under “Assignments,” read Gerard Jones (see links for all reading assignments under Assignments), Carina Chocano, and Francois Marchand.
- After reading these essays, discuss them by responding to the questions in the Discussions tool.

WEEK 5
9/21/15 - Work on Labs and punctuation and grammar assignments (do not get behind on these assignments).

Reading Assignment:
- Study the student essay provided in “Assignments” (from Chapter 7).
- Go over the MLA PowerPoint at the following site to see how to use quotations in your next paper. However, a glitch in the PowerPoint shows a single quote at the beginning of
quoted material. Always use double quotation marks on both sides of the quoted material. You will find the exact way a paper should look in this PP, so go through it to make sure you understand how your paper should look and how to merge quoted material in your papers.

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/15

Writing Assignment:
- **DISCUSSIONS** for the review.
- **DRAFT OF YOUR SECOND ESSAY DUE TO ME BY Friday, September 26 in class for peer review.**

**WEEK 6**
9/28/15 - **Work on Labs and grammar and punctuation**
- Continue to work on your paper even after you have submitted your draft. Try to read as if you were the other student to find your own mistakes and any organizational problems.
- Using the development steps explained in my notes on Chapter 6 and the chapters I presented at the beginning of the semester, refine your assigned Review essay. Use the suggestions you have received from me and from your classmate as they apply.

**WEEK 7**
10/5/15 - **Work on Labs and grammar and punctuation**
- **REVIEWS ESSAY DUE Monday, October 5, by 11:30 PM in the Submit Assignments Here folder.**

**WEEK 8**
10/12/15 - **Work on labs.**

**Reading Assignment:**
- READ assigned essays and study the chapter on commentaries linked in “Assignments.”
  
Your essay exam will be a written exam in class on Wednesday, October 14 and October 16. You will do the pre-writing on October 14 and complete the essay on October 16.
- You will find your midterm exam assignment in the **Assignments folder** under Essay Assignments in Blackboard (opening on Wednesday, October 14, for the pre-writing)/

**Writing Assignment:** {see “Assignments” for details of the midterm}
- Review links to grammar and punctuation assigned thus far.
- To prepare, also read One Student's Work, Michael Spatz {see link under “Assignments”}, as well as Benedict Carey and James Bowman.
- **NO DISCUSSION POST FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT**
- **In-class essay exam on October 14 and 16.**

FRIDAY - October 16, LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW.

**WEEK 9**
10/19/15 - **Work on labs.**

**Writing Assignment:** Rhetorical Analyses {see “Assignments” for details.}
Reading Assignment:
- Read my notes on Chapter 8. {Follow directions for the assignment found in “Assignments.”}
- Discussion Post: Go to the links to the following authors for rhetorical analyses: Toby Keith, Gary Sloan, Libby Copeland, and Rebecca Feldmann, and follow the directions for the Discussion post.
- Study your grammar and punctuation links.

- SUBMIT YOUR DRAFT by Monday, October 26. You will submit your draft in the designated submission folder. We will do a peer review in class.

WEEK 10
10/26/15 - Work on Labs
- Refine your paper according to the refinement instructions in my notes. SUBMIT TO THE WRITING CENTER EARLY IN THE WEEK for feedback.
- Edit your paper using feedback from me and from your peer partner. You do not have to use all the suggestions by your peer partner, but know that a fellow student is an audience, and you should welcome the opportunity to learn if your communication is clear. Peer editing gives both participants the opportunity to think about the refinement of an essay.

WEEK 11
11/2/15 - Work on Labs and assigned paper. Also keep up with the links to study areas on grammar and punctuation. Your essays are graded on your knowing these rules, and your final exam tests your knowledge of them.

WEEK 12
11/9/15 - Work on Labs
- RHETORICAL ANALYSES ESSAY DUE MONDAY, November 9, NO LATER THAN 11:30 PM IN THE Submit Assignments Here FOLDER

Writing Assignment: Argument Essay {see “Assignments” for details of essay assignment}

Reading Assignment:
- Read my notes on Chapter 10 on how to write arguments.
- Go to Assignments to find links to arguments by Sam Harris, Kate Dailey, and others.
- Discussion post.

WEEK 13
11/16/15 – Complete the Labs for the semester - DUE NEXT WEEK
- DRAFT OF ARGUMENT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, November 18, for the peer review in class. Also submit your paper to the online writing lab.

WEEK 14
11/23/15 - Lab Sheet due December 1, by 11:30 p.m. Merge supporting documents into one document and submit to Blackboard under Submission Assignments Here.

**WEEK 15**
11/30/15
- **ARGUMENT ESSAY DUE FRIDAY, December 4.**
- **Study all punctuation and grammar assignments to prepare for your final over those assignments.**

**WEEK 16 - EXAMS**
12/7/15
- Monday, December 7, 10:00, Exam for S13.
- Friday, December 9, Exam for S04.
- **TO PREPARE FOR YOUR EXAM** review all grammar and punctuation links assigned over the semester.