**Reedley College**

**Syllabus**

**English 126**

**Reading Skills for College**

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**Course # 52823**

**MW 6:00-7:50 PM PHY 75**

**Texts and ancillary materials:**

**Langan, *Ten Steps to Advancing College Reading Skills*, ISBN 1-5194-201-2. Required.**

**Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* EMC Paradigm ISBN 0-8219-1639-4-Required.**

**A college dictionary (Optional.)**

**A three ring notebook (Required)**

**Requirements:**

**1. Class assignments of outside readings from texts and other sources.**

**2. Written assignments of various length about the readings, handouts and videos used in this class**

**3. Class discussions of assignments and "hand outs".**

**4. Quizzes- You are subject to a surprise quiz each class on the work I have assigned for outside reading. There are no makeup’s of missed work..**

**5. Written assignments are due at the beginning of class. I will not accept late work.**

**6. I give exams as needed, or when chapters I have assigned are completed. They will be announced. I will give a final exam**. **If you miss an exam, if you miss a quiz, if you miss an oral assignment, it's a zero**

**7. If you miss the final examination, you fail the course.**

**7. You must plan on some outside reading for this class each week.**.

**8. If you are not going to be in class, please make arrangements to have a classmate pick up your homework and any work I have graded and returned.**

**9. If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate**

**media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me a soon as possible.**

**10. If this class is cancelled, I will make every attempt to notify you, and DVC will post a cancellation on the classroom door.**

**Grading and Grading Scale:**

**My grading policy is based on a combination of all of the above plus class participation, initiative and originality.**

**Class Participation 10%**

**Examinations 20 %**

**Huckleberry Finn 20 %**

**Written Assignments, Mastery Tests, Quizzes 20 %**

**Mid Term 10 %**

**Final Exam 10 %**

**Fudge Factor 10 %**

**Attendance:**

**A. You are absent if you are not in class.**

**B. I will accept an excused absence if you leave a message in my campus mail-box before the class.**

**C. You are allowed to cut this class three (3) times.**

**D. If you are dropped from this class, or if you drop this class voluntarily, you must complete the drop form.**

**E: The drop date for this class is TBD. After this date a letter grade will be assigned to any student who has stopped attending class and has not dropped the class.**

**Course objectives:**

**1. To increase your skills in reading, writing and the analysis of reading material.**

**2. If I'm successful, you will know more about the content, structure and composition of the rhetorical and visual processes, and you will be ready for English 1A.**

**3. Please plan on being actively involved- I don't like fence sitters.**

**Some suggestions:**

**1. Make sure you sign the attendance sheet if we have one.**

**2. Don’t bring anything to eat or drink into class.**

**3. Always bring your books to class.**

**4. You must turn off all cell phones. If your cell phone rings during class, you will be asked to leave the class, and you will receive a cut for that class. If your cell phone rings a second time, I will drop you from the class. Suggestion: Don’t bring a cell phone to class.**

**5. If you don’t understand, ask.**

**6. Take notes. Don’t embarrass yourself at test time, and use pens only for written responses.**

**7. Plagiarism and Cheating warrant a failing grade.**

**8. You might want to put the date on all of the handouts that you are given.**

**Assignment Schedule**

**Tentative**

### Week One-

**Introduction.**

**Handouts.**

**Langan, Assign Introduction (pages 1-13), Chapter One (pages 18-54)**

## Cancelled Lives Video.

**Reaction Paper**

**Week Two**

**Langan, Chapter 1.**

**Assign Orals**

**Handouts.**

**Huckleberry Finn, Introduction.**

**Week 3**

**Langan, Chapter 2.**

**Langan, Orals.**

**Handouts.**

**I start my courses with the best intentions of completing assignments as I have scheduled them. Inevitably, we will be delayed, and you will be doing assignments out of sequence. You are responsible, however, for the assignments as scheduled.**

**Recap:**

**Bring no food or drink into the classroom.**

**No cell phones or any other electronic devices at any time.**

**Bring both textbooks to all classes.**

**Submit test work with black ball point.**

**You must take the final exam when it is scheduled-no exceptions.**

**Week 4**

**Henry, Chapter 3**

**Hand outs on Huckleberry Finn**

**Chapters 1-7 of Finn**

**Week 5**

**Henry Chapter 4**

**Assign orals for Henry, Chapter 4**

**Handouts**

**Week 6**

**Finish Henry, Chapter 5**

**Video of Huckleberry Finn**

**Chapters 8-14 of Huckleberry Finn.**

**Handouts on Spanish place names.**

**Week 7**

**Henry, Chapter 6**

**Orals on Chapter 6**

**Review Finn Chapter 8-14**

**Handouts.**

**Week Eight**

**Henry, Chapter 7**

**Huck Finn, Chapters 15-17**

**Writing Assignment I Remember.**

**Handouts.**

**Week Nine-**

**Henry, Chapter 8**

**Orals, Chapter 8**

**Huckleberry Finn**

**Huckleberry Finn-Test to be determined**

**Handouts**

**Week Ten-**

**Henry, Chapter 9**

**Orals on Chapter 9**

**Huckleberry Finn-**

**Handouts**

**Week Eleven**

**Henry, Chapter 10**

**Orals on Chapter 10**

**Handouts**

**Huckleberry Finn-Video**

**Week Twelve**

**Henry, Chapter 11**

**Orals on Chapter 11**

**Handouts**

**Week Thirteen**

**Henry, Chapter 12**

**Orals on Chapter 12**

**Handouts.**

**Book Reports**

**Week Fourteen**

**Henry, Chapter 13**

**Week Fifteen-**

**Book Reports**

**Henry, Chapter 13**

**Orals on Chapter 13**

**Handouts**

**Review**

**Week Sixteen**

**Final Examination on Master Reader and Huckleberry Finn.**