English 1A
Reading and Composition
Tues.: Phy 75   6:00 - 7:50
Thur.: Hum 62   6:00 - 7:50

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Required Texts

Axelrod, Rise B., and Charles R. Cooper, eds. Reading Critically, Writing Well. New York: St.
    Martin's Press, 1996.
Howell, James F., and Dean Memering. Brief Handbook for Writers. New Jersey: Prentice Hall,
    1993.
Paton, Alan. Cry the Beloved Country.

Required Materials

3.5" floppy disk

Course Objectives

The writing skills emphasized in this course are primarily those of the essay. We will focus on the
writing process, including generating ideas, drafting, revising, editing, and self or group
evaluation. We will examine and practice many different approaches to writing with emphasis on
the development of ideas, organization of material, clearness in expression, and accuracy in
technical aspects. Through the reading necessary in this course, critical thinking skills such as
analyzing, interpreting, evaluating, comparing/contrasting, and drawing conclusions will be further
developed.

Course Requirements

Essays: You will be writing several essays throughout the semester, each of which will be revised
at least once. Both a rough draft and a final draft will be turned in. With the help of your peers,
you will revise and edit your papers prior to turning in your final draft. Students not present with
a rough draft during the peer review period will receive a 20% penalty on their final grade for that
essay.

Research Paper : You will be writing a research paper this semester. This paper will focus on
collection and use of sources, use of paraphrasing and quotations, and documentation using the
MLA format. Other essays besides the research paper may also call upon these skills.

Quizzes/Homework: Quizzes will be given to ensure that you keep up with the assigned readings.
These quizzes will be given at the beginning of class and cannot be made up. In addition,
homework assignments dealing with writing and the technical aspects of writing will be given.