

English 3 - BE42, Sat 9-11:50 A.M.
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grade scale

Text: Current Issues and Enduring Questions

In the writing classes you have taken up to this point, you have probably been expected to create and express your own ideas through a conscious engagement of your own experience, but in this class you will be expected to place yourself within a critical debate, which means that you will need to engage others' experiences by reading their texts. To this end, we will examine the form and structure of such essays, with attention to how arguments can be effectively expressed and summarized. We will also pay special attention to the difference between an intellectual and emotional appeal.

The main body of written work for the class will be 6 4-6 page(double spaced, 12 point font) critical analyses, plus an 8-10 page final research paper, **all of which must receive a passing grade in order for you to pass the class.** Grading for these will be wholistic, meaning they will be passed and assigned a grade at such time and with the number of revisions I consider necessary. This will be done on an individual basis, but it is in your best interest to roughly follow this timeline:

September 12

September 26

October 10

October 17

November 7

November 21

December 5

Note: December 12, the last regular class day, is the last time I will review critical analyses, and the final paper will be due during the exam period.

Please be aware that my assignments do not match those in the book.

There will also be 3 unannounced in-class essays, **2 of which you must pass in order to pass the class.** I consider this element of the course to be particularly important, since your college career is likely to include a number of essay tests.

Grading: In addition to your essays, attendance, as well as excellence and improvement in your discussion and in-class assignments(this is how I judge if you've been doing the reading), will be taken into account when I assign you a final grade. The drop date for this class is October 16, which should allow you ample time to get a feel for the class and your performance in it.