

Writing Development. **English 56**

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drop deadline

**TEXTS:** 1) Tyner, Thomas E. *College Writing Basics* 4<sup>th</sup> ed.  
2) Hemingway, Ernest. *The Old Man and the Sea*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Practice in writing English sentences, paragraphs, and short papers, including work with spelling, vocabulary, punctuation, usage, and sentence structure skills needed by writers. Emphasis placed on communication of the writer's ideas.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Exercises/Writing Assignments	200pts
Quizzes	200pts
Reading Journal	200pts
Two, 3 Page Essays (100pts each)	200pts
Oral Presentation of One Essay	100 pts
<u>Comprehensive Final Exam</u>	<u>100pts</u>
Total Points Possible	1000pts

**PLAGIARISM:** *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary* defines the act of plagiarizing as, "the stealing and passing off of the ideas or words of another as one's own." In other words, using something someone else wrote without giving him or her credit. This is known as literary theft and is a grave offense in the academic world. If a student borrows a quote or even an idea from a book, magazine, movie, the Internet, etc. the author of that book, etc. must be given credit in your own writing. A guide to proper handling of quotes or ideas can be found in the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, by Joseph Gibaldi. Plagiarism may result in an F grade for the course.

**GRADING:**

Points	Grade
900-1000	A
800-899	B
700-799	C
0-699	No Credit

**EXERCISES/WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:** Throughout each chapter in Tyner's text, there are exercises and writing assignments. The instructor will assign these to be completed either in class or as homework. **NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**QUIZZES:** There will be 20 quizzes given based on what we have learned in Tyner's text. Some quizzes might also be vocabulary tests. Later in the semester, the quizzes will be based on Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*. The quizzes will take the form of True/False, Multiple choice, or one or more paragraph responses. **YOU CANNOT MAKE-UP QUIZZES.**

**TWO 3 PAGE ESSAYS:** Students are responsible for writing 2 essays. The essays will be at least three (3) full pages in length. They will be double-spaced and must be typed. In addition, you will present one of your essays by reading it to the class. **NO LATE ESSAYS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**READING JOURNAL:** \*Note- Students need to purchase a spiral notebook (full-size) for the Reading Journal. Tyner's text contains 19 readings and your instructor will assign one also for a total of 20. After each reading there is a set of questions **For Discussion or Writing**. You may concentrate on just one of the questions or you may answer all of them if you so choose, but you must write one full page, in your journal in response to the **For Discussion or Writing** section at the end of the reading. Each full page written in your journal is worth 10pts for a total of 200pts.

**FINAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAM:** On the last day of class, you will take a comprehensive final exam. The final comprehensive exam is worth 100pts.

**RECEIVING ASSIGNMENTS:** The instructor will put assignments and their due dates up on the classroom chalkboard. It is your job to get this information during every class meeting, therefore, regular attendance is very, important

**CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**Fall 1998**

Weeks 1 & 2

Tyner's text, Level 1

Weeks 3 & 4

Tyner's text, Level 2

Weeks 5 & 6

Tyner's text, Level 3

Weeks 7 & 8

Tyner's text, Level 4

Weeks 9 & 10

Tyner's text, Level 5

Weeks 11 & 12

Begin Narrative Essays and Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*

Weeks 13 & 14

**NARRATIVE ESSAYS DUE 13<sup>TH</sup> WEEK ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Begin Persuasive Essays and continue with Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*

**NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, NO CLASS HELD**

Weeks 15 & 16

**\*PERSUASIVE ESSAYS DUE 15<sup>TH</sup> WEEK ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**\*READING JOURNALS DUE 15<sup>TH</sup> WEEK ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**\*ORAL PRESENTATIONS OF PERSUASIVE ESSAYS WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SEMESTER**

Your last day of class, the day of the final comprehensive exam, is Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.