ENGLISH 125 FALL SEMESTER 2008

 SELMA HIGH SCHOOL

**Instructor:** L. White

**Code #:** 74849

**Schedule:** M-W--3:30pm to 5:35 pm

**Final Exam:** Week of December 15th

**Drop Policy**: Students who are absent over 7 times will be dropped from this class.

 Three tardies (arrival after instruction has begun) equal one absence.

**Accommodations**: If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with

 Disabilities Act (ADA), including alternate media requests, please notify me

 immediately. Reasonable effort will be made to accommodate your special

 needs.

**Materials:** Texts: Pattern for College Writing 10th Edition, Kirszner and Mandell

 English Grammar book

 Dictionary—preferably, Webster’s New World

 Thesaurus

 Flash Drive or Disk

 College ruled three ring notebook paper, pens, pencils, highlighter.

**Course Description**: This course emphasizes the development of writing and the process of writing. Writing will be used to help develop logical thought processes, organization of those thoughts, and refinement of English grammar skills. Students will read model essays, analyze them, and attempt to match the structures of these writing examples to meaning and audience. Writing will be used to explore and express the student’s ideas and these ideas will be expressed more succinctly with revisions and rewrites.

**Course Work**: Class Participation 30 Points

 Quizzes 10

Homework Assignments 10

 In class essays 20

 Research Papers (1) 50

 Final Exam 50

 \*I do NOT allow you to make up the in-class quizzes or essays. All papers and work are due on the due date. I will accept late papers for one week ONLY with substantial drop in grade.

**Grading Scale**: 90-100% = A

 80-89% = B

1. 79% = C
2. 69% = D
3. 59% = F

**Class Policy:**

* Cell phones are to be turned off or on vibrate AND ARE OUT OF SIGHT.
* There are NO make-up exams.
* Come prepared with homework done and ready to participate in class. An unprepared student is considered an absent student.
* Get the phone number of two other students in case you are absent.
* No late work will be accepted. If you are absent get the assignment from another student.
* Expect other students to read your work.
* Research papers are to be done in the MLA style.
* Assignments are due at the beginning of class.
* Keep a portfolio of all corrected and graded assignments.
* All work for papers must be kept: rough drafts, peer evaluations, outlines, etc.
* Save all typed work on your computer hard drive, floppy disk, or flash drive
* All students must take the final exam.