

**Syllabus  
English 126  
Reading Skills for College  
Fall Semester, 2013**

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**Course 50359**

**TTH 10:00-11:50 AM AGR-1**

**NO CELL PHONES OR ELECTRIC DEVICES AT ANY TIME.**

Texts and ancillary materials:

**Langan, *Ten Steps to Advancing College Reading Skills*, ISBN 1-59194-200-4. Fifth Edition. 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 as 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 TBA. After this date a letter grade will be assigned to any student who has stopped attending class and has not dropped the class.

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

**Some suggestions:**

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- 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.
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**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.
- Orals.
- Handouts.

**Week 4**

**Langan, Chapter 3  
Handouts on Huckleberry Finn  
Chapters 1-7 of Finn**

**Week 5**

**Langan Chapter 4  
Assign orals for Langan, Chapter 4  
Handouts**

**Week 6**

**Finish Langan,  
Chapter 5  
Video of Huckleberry Finn  
Chapters 8-14 of Huckleberry Finn.  
Handouts on Spanish place names.**

**Week 7**

**Langan, Chapter 6  
Orals on Chapter 6  
Review Finn Chapter 8-14  
Handouts.**

**Week Eight**

**Langan, Chapter 7  
Huck Finn, Chapters 15-17  
Writing Assignment I Remember.  
Handouts.**

**Week Nine-**

**Langan, Chapter 8  
Orals, Chapter 8  
Huckleberry Finn  
Huckleberry Finn-Test to be determined  
Handouts**

**Week Ten-**

**Langan, Chapter 9  
Orals on Chapter 9  
Huckleberry Finn-  
Handouts**

**Week Eleven**

**Langan, Chapter 10  
Orals on Chapter 10  
Handouts  
Huckleberry Finn-Video**

**Week Twelve**

**Langan, Chapter 11  
Orals on Chapter 11  
Handouts**

**Week Thirteen**

**Langan, Chapter 12  
Orals on Chapter 12  
Handouts.  
Book Reports**

**Week Fourteen**

**Langan, Chapter 13**

**Week Fifteen-**

**Book Reports  
Langan, Chapter 13  
Orals on Chapter 13  
Handouts  
Review**

**Week Sixteen**

**Final Examination on Langan and Huckleberry Finn.**

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