English 1A Honors: College-Level Writing and Reading

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Required and Recommended Texts: (presented in the order assigned)
Andrew Pham  Catfish and Mandala  ISBN# 0312267177  required
Eric Schlosser  Fast Food Nation  ISBN# 0060938455  required
Mark Hertsgaard  Earth Odyssey  ISBN# 0767900596  required
Troyka  Quick Access  ISBN# 0131201409  recommended

Graded Assignments Calendar:

Essay 1 Assignments: The Turning Point
Week 1: Read Catfish and Mandala pages 1-50  Reading Test Fri 1/7  worth 50 pts
Week 2: Read Catfish and Mandala pages 50-100  Reading Test Fri 1/14  worth 50 pts
Week 3: Read Catfish and Mandala pages 100-150  Reading Test Fri 1/21  worth 50 pts
Week 4: Read Catfish and Mandala pages 150-200  Essay #1 due Fri 1/28  worth 200 pts

Essay 2 Assignments: How Fast Food Affects You
Week 5: Read Fast Food Nation pages 1-50  Reading Test Fri 2/2  worth 50 pts
Week 6: Read Fast Food Nation pages 50-100  Reading Test Fri 2/11  worth 50 pts
Week 7: Read Fast Food Nation pages 100-150  Reading Test Thu 2/17  worth 50 pts
Week 8: Read Fast Food Nation pages 150-200  Essay #2 due Fri 2/25  worth 200 pts

Essay 3 Assignments: Updating Earth Odyssey
Week 9: Read Earth Odyssey Prologue and Chap 4  Reading Test Fri 3/4  worth 50 pts
Week 10: Read Earth Odyssey Chapter 5  Reading Test Fri 3/11  worth 50 pts
Week 11: Read Earth Odyssey Chapter 9  Essay #3 due Fri 3/18  worth 200 pts

Last day to turn in all rewrites and any late essays is also Fri 3/18

Special All-College Finals Week Schedule
Week 12: Mon 3/21 Optional makeup Reading Test on Chap 9 of Earth Odyssey
        Tue 3/22 no class
        Wed 3/23 class meets at 11 a.m. to review grades and write self evals

Course Grading Scale: (total points possible = 1000)
900-1000 points = A (90%)  800-899 = B (80%)  700-799 = C (70%)  600-699 = D (60%)

Extra Credit:
Essay Rewrites earn up to 20 points per essay (60 points max during the quarter); due anytime before Fri 3/18 in class.
Blog participation: 10 points per posting (up to 20 points max for the quarter);

Late Essay Policy:
Essay 1 and Essay 2 = Minus 10 points per day late. Essay #3 no late essay option (late = -200 points).

Attendance Policy: Students late or absent more than ten times may be dropped. The instructor may add up to 10 points extra credit at the end of the quarter for class participation.