English 1B: Composition, Critical Reading, and Thinking

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Required and Recommended Texts: (presented in the order assigned)
Alfano + O’Brien  Envision: Persuasive Writing  ISBN # 321183274  required
Phillips  Socrates Café  ISBN # 039332298x  required
Housden  Ten Poems to Change Your Life  ISBN# 0609609017  required
Loewen  Lies My Teacher Told Me  ISBN#0684818868  required
Ali  Madras on Rainy Days  ISBN # 037419562  required
Troyka  Quick Access  ISBN# 0131201409  recommended
Lankford  Top Ten Tips (required handout packet)  Available in Owl Card Shop after 1/10

Graded Assignments Calendar:

Essay 1 Sequence: Thinking through Philosophy

Week 1  Read Envision Chapter 2, pages 28-51  Reading Test Fri 1/7  worth 50 pts
Week 2  Read Socrates Café pages 1-87  Reading Test Fri 1/14  worth 50 pts
Week 3  Read Socrates Café pages 89-211  Reading Test Fri 1/21  worth 50 pts
Note: no class Monday 1/17 for MLK Holiday
Week 4  Read Socrates Café pages 211-end  Essay #1 Due Fri 1/28  worth 200 pts

Essay 2 Sequence: Thinking through Literature

Week 5  Read Madras pages 1-62; Poems #1-2  Reading Test Fri 2/4  worth 50 pts
Week 6  Read Madras pages 63-118; Poems #3-4  Reading Test Fri 2/11  worth 50 pts
Week 7  Read Madras pages 119-199; Poems #5-6  no reading test (holiday!)
Note: no class Friday 2/18 for President’s Day
Note: no class Monday 2/21 for President’s Day
Week 8  Read Madras pages 200-310; Poems #7-10  Essay #2 due Fri 2/25  worth 200 pts
Note: last day to drop with a W is Fri 2/25

Essay 3 Sequence: Thinking through History

Week 9  Read Lies My Teacher Told Me Chapters 1-4  Reading Test Fri 3/4  worth 50 pts
Week 10  Read Lies My Teacher Told Me Chapters 5-8  Reading Test Fri 3/11  worth 50 pts
Week 11  Read Lies My Teacher Told Me Chapters 9-10  Essay #3 due Fri 3/18  worth 200 pts
Note: the last day to turn in any rewrites is Fri 3/18  worth 60 pts
Week 12  Read Lies My Teacher Told Me Chapters 11-12  Reading Test Mon 3/21  worth 50 pts
See all-college finals week calendar for the time of the final class meeting
(mak-up test given; this is also an optional meeting to pick up papers and discuss grades)

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

Extra Credit:
Rewrites = up to 20 points per essay (60 points maximum during the quarter); due anytime before Fri 3/19 in class
Detailed instructions and cover sheets available in the Top Ten Tips handout packet
Class Blog = 1 point per posting (maximum 20 points possible). See web address at the top of this page to get started