English 1A Syllabus

Note: Have completed the readings and bring your book on the day listed.

JANUARY

Tues 4 Green Sheet, Introductions, Phone Tree, Elephant in the Dark, In-class Writing
Thurs 6 Return in-class writing and go over, critical reading, value of studies, Individual meetings.

Tues 11 1. Current Issues Chapter 1-2: (3 - 46)
2. Have done some critical thinking of Dershowitz’s argument “Why Fear National ID Cards” (15-17) using the bubble cluster system from pages 5 and 6.

Thurs 13 1. Current Issues Chapter 3: Critical Reading (65-99)
2. Read and annotate: Thomas B. Stoddard, “Gay Marriages: Make them Legal” and Lisa Shiffren’s “Gay Marriage, an Oxymoron”(550- 556)
3. State thesis and supporting points for each essay

Tues 18 1. Read and annotate, Chapter 12: A Psychologist’s View: Rogerian Argument (445-462). Write a very brief summary of his argument (one to two sentences).
2. Read/Skim Current Issues Ch. 6 and 7 (219-77)
3. Bring in a freewrite argument of your own, stating your view on the issue of whether Gay Marriage should be legal or not and how your view is related to Stoddard and Schiffren’s views. Make sure you give credit to them when you quote or paraphrase them.

Thurs 20 Due: Rough Draft of Essay #1: Pro-Con Debate—Gay Marriage
In class—sentence combining to clarify ideas. Proofreading advice.

Tues 25 Due: Final Draft of Essay #1: Pro-Con Debate – Gay Marriage
Thurs 27 1. Read and annotate essays in Chapter 24: The Just War (Current Issues 671- 687)

FEBRUARY

Tues 1 1. Read Ch 9: “Fallacies”
2. Read and annotate Martin Luther King Jr.’s “A Time to Break Silence” (Dream 135-152)

Thurs 3 Due: Rough Draft of Essay #2: Argument—The Just War
FEBRUARY
Tues  8  Due: Final Draft of Essay #2: Argument—The Just War
Library Orientation
Thurs 10  MLK’s “The Power of Nonviolence,” (Dream 29-33) and “Nonviolence: The Only Road to Freedom” (Dream 125-134).
Tues 15  Visit Computer Lab Room 6308
In Class--Midterm
Thurs 17  Current Issues Ch. 23: Euthanasia (646-669)

Tues  22  Bring Current Issues
Thurs 24  Due: Rough Draft of Essay #3: Euthanasia

MARCH
Tues.  1  Bring the readings you chose for Essay #4: Problem Solving Essay
Thurs  3  Due: Final Draft of Essay #3: Euthanasia

Tues  8  Bring notes and a Freewrite of your Problem Solving Essay
Thurs 10  Due: Rough Draft of Essay #4: Problem Solving Essay
Last Day to turn in any late work.

Tues 15  Due: Final Draft of Essay #4: Problem Solving Essay
Thurs 17  Last Day of Class  Have read Crito (Current Issues 837-851) “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” (Current Issues 867-882) and “The Perils of Obedience” (Current Issues 883-896)

Final Exam: Thursday, March 24: 1:30-3:30; Room 6404. Blue Book Required.