

WEEK 1

Course overview, academic context, invention, person, paragraphing

10/23/13

In Class:

- ✓ Introductions Course overview: lecture and activity in writing in the academic context
- ✓ Syllabus review
- ✓ In-class writing
- ✓ Discussion and exercises in invention, using *The Writer's Workplace* (WW) Ch. 1 "Gathering Ideas for Writing" and *The Little, Brown Handbook* (LB) Part 1, "The Writing Process" Discussion and exercises in first, second, and third person, using WW Ch. 2 "Recognizing the Elements of Good Writing"
- ✓ Discussion and exercises in topic sentences and paragraph unity and coherence, using WW Ch. 2 "Recognizing the Elements of Good Writing"
- ✓ Receive assignment for WA 1

Due for class:

- ✓ Bring a printed copy of the syllabus and this calendar, if you like, as well as your textbooks; otherwise, nothing is due

WEEK 2

Capitalization, punctuation, description, subject-verb agreement, success in writing

10/30/13

In Class:

- ✓ Review exercises from WW Chs. 13 and 20
- ✓ Discussion: winning attitudes and strategies of successful writers
- ✓ Discussion and exercises in finding subjects and verbs in sentences and making them agree, using WW Ch. 3 "Finding Subjects and Verbs in Simple Sentences" and Ch. 4 "Making Subjects and Verbs Agree"
- ✓ In-class writing: using descriptive detail
- ✓ Receive assignment for WA 2

Complete reading and exercises before class:

- ✓ WW Ch. 13 "Using Correct Capitalization and Punctuation"; do exercises 3, 4, and 8 WW Ch. 20 "Developing Paragraphs: Description"; do exercises 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 12
- ✓ LB pp. 3-9 "The Writing Situation" LB pp. 73-78 "Joining the Academic Community" LB pp. 93 Bottom (B)-96 Middle (M) and 98M-101B "Academic Writing"

Due at the beginning of class:

- ✓ WA 1 (see assignment sheet given Week 1)

WEEK 3

Fragments, coordination, paragraphing, selecting a topic

11/6/13

In Class:

- ✓ Review exercises from WW Chs. 5 and 16
- ✓ Discussion and exercises in combining sentences, using WW Ch. 6 “Combining Sentences Using Three Options for Coordination”
- ✓ Discussion and exercises in developing paragraphs, using WW Ch. 17 “Working with Paragraphs: Supporting Details”
- ✓ Receive assignment for WA 3
- ✓ Receive assignment for Definition and Analysis Paper
- ✓ Workshop in selecting and narrowing a topic for Paper

Complete reading and exercises before class:

- ✓ WW Ch. 5 “Understanding Fragments and Phrases”; do exercises 2, 12, and 13
- ✓ WW Ch. 16 “Working with Paragraphs: Topic Sentences and Controlling Ideas”; do exercises 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, and
- ✓ Test 3 LB 38M-35M, “Paragraphs”

Due at the beginning of class

- ✓ WA 2 (see assignment sheet given Week 2)

WEEK 4

Illustration, definition, subordination, planning a paper’s organization, tips for drafting

11/13/13

In Class:

- ✓ Review exercises WW Chs. 18 and 24
- ✓ In-class writing Assignment 3
- ✓ Ch. 24 Discussion and exercises in combining sentences using WW Ch. 7 “Combining Sentences Using Subordination”
- ✓ Discussion and work in planning and organizing your Definition and Analysis Paper, using WW Ch. 26 “Moving from the Paragraph to the Essay”

Complete reading and exercises before class:

- ✓ WW Ch. 18 “Developing Paragraphs: Illustration”; do exercises 2 and 7
- ✓ WW Ch. 24 “Developing Paragraphs: Definition and Analysis”; do exercises 1 and 3
- ✓ LB pp. 14M-23B “Drafting”

Due at the beginning of class

- ✓ WA 3 (see assignment sheet given Week 3)
- ✓ Stage 1 of Definition and Analysis Paper: Prewriting (see assignment sheet given Week 3)

WEEK 5

Word choice, connotation, appropriate language, conciseness, peer review and revision

11/20/13

In Class:

- ✓ Review exercises WW Ch. 14
- ✓ Lecture and in-class writing: word choice, connotation, appropriate language
- ✓ Workshop: peer and guided self-review of First Draft of Definition and Analysis Paper
- ✓ Receive WA 4

Complete reading and exercises before class:

- ✓ WW Ch. 14 “Choosing Words That Work”; do exercises 1, 3, 6, and 8

Due at the beginning of class

- ✓ Stage 2 of Definition and Analysis Paper: First Draft (see assignment sheet given Week 3)

WEEK 6

Adjectives, adverbs, modifiers, parallelism, peer review and revision

11/27/13

In Class:

- ✓ Review exercises WW Ch. 10
- ✓ In-class writing Test 3 Ch. 10
- ✓ Workshop: extended peer and guided self-reviews of Revised Draft of Definition and Analysis Paper
- ✓ Receive individualized reading assignments for next week

Complete reading and exercises before class:

- ✓ WW Ch. 10 “Working with Adjectives, Adverbs, and Parallel Structure”; do exercises 3, 4, 6, 8

Due at the beginning of class

- ✓ WA 4 (see assignment sheet given Week 5)
- ✓ Stage 3 of Definition and Analysis Paper: Revised Draft (see assignment sheet given Week 3)

WEEK 7

TBD, editing and proofreading, preparation for Final Exam

12/4/13

In Class:

- ✓ TBD based on your needs
- ✓ Workshop: guided self-review to edit and proofread Final Version of Definition and Analysis Paper
- ✓ Prepare for Final Exam
- ✓ Receive assignment WA 5

Complete reading and exercises before class:

- ✓ TBD based on your needs (see individualized assignments given Week 6)

Due at the beginning of class

- ✓ Stage 4 of Definition & Analysis Paper: Final Version (see assignment sheet given Wk 3)

WEEK 8

Final Exam

12/11/13

In Class:

- ✓ Take final exam

Due at beginning of class

- ✓ WA 5 (see assignment sheet given Week 7)