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# ENG 1001G-048: Composition and Language

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**Welcome to ENG 1001 G:  
Composition and Language.**

9-9:50 am MWF, Coleman 3130

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**Textbooks: What We'll Be Reading:**

*Writing: A Guide for College and Beyond*, Faigley

*A Pocket Style Manual*, Hacker

*The Contemporary Reader*, 9th ed. Goshgarian

*They Say/I Say*, Graff/Birkenstein

Other readings as assigned.

**The Meaning of Life or What This Course is About:**

ENG 1001 G will expose you to ways of reading and writing expressive, expository, and persuasive essays. We'll focus on writing effectively using rhetorical principles (taking into account context, purpose and audience), structuring writing in ways that work for readers, developing arguments, and documenting sources.

**What We Will Be Doing**

Throughout the semester, you will choose a social issue with which to frame many of the course assignments. This issue can be anything you choose (I've seen everything from global warming to the merits of pirates versus ninjas). Keep in mind, however, that you will be doing several assignments involving your issue, so you probably want to choose something that will hold your interest and provide complex research questions. You will also gain valuable experience in working in groups, peer evaluation, using a writing process, and developing improved writing skills and enhanced oral and visual communication skills.

**The full syllabus can be found at <http://www.creatingtexts.org/courses>**