ENGLISH 1001G, Spring 2012, Section 007
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NOTE: Students who have ACT scores of 14 or below or have no test scores on file with the
university must pass English 1000 before enrolling in 1001G.

Description: English 1001G is a writing course involving the reading, writing, and critiquing
of both professional and student essays. If your section is computer assisted, we will be
doing some writing and evaluating in the computer lab. No part of a student’s grade will be
affected by his or her computer savvy (however, computer problems outside the classroom
do not serve as valid excuses for late or missing work). Each student needs a USB key. This
will be used to store notes, outlines, drafts, and any in-class writing done during lab time.

Attendance: Each student is allowed two unexcused absences. Every unexcused absence
after one will lower the student’s grade by 5% (half a letter grade). Punctuality is a must;
lateness will be noted. Students are responsible for all lessons and materials covered in
class, including changes to the syllabus, regardless of absences. Quizzes may not be made
up; the lowest quiz grades after Quiz #10 will be dropped. Exams may be made up with an
excused absence and prior arrangement.

Readings: Much of what students learn in this course depends on careful, multiple readings
of textbook selections, consideration of discussion questions, and participation in class
discussions and activities. Students are responsible for introductory sections of the various
chapters.

Late Work: Essays are due at the beginning of class on the due dates. The penalty for late
essays is half a letter grade per day late – including weekends.

Essays: All essays must be typed in black, standard fonts, double-spaced, and
paper-clipped (no plastic covers or folders, etc.). The student’s name, the date, the
assignment, and the essay’s title should be typed at the upper left corner of the first page
(no cover page is necessary). Any essay or grade may be discussed during office hours.

Plagiarism: EIU English Department policy: Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism –
the appropriation or imitation of language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and
representation of them as one’s original work – has the right and responsibility to impose
upon the student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignment of the
grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office.

Students with Disabilities: If you are a student with a documented disability and wish to
receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability
Services (-6583) as soon as possible.

Cell phones must be turned OFF and PUT AWAY during class.
Assignments and Grading:

Essay 1 (diagnostic)  0 pts.
Essay 2  100 pts.
Essay 3  150 pts.
Essay 4  200 pts.
Essay 5  250 pts.
MUE Exam 1  100 pts.
MUE Exam 2  100 pts.
Quizzes (10)  100 pts.

TOTAL:  1000 pts.

Your grade at any point during the semester can be determined by dividing points earned by points possible.