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SYLLABUS
ENGLISH 1002: Composition and Literature
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This is a writing course designed to improve skills in critical thinking and analytical expression based on the reading of traditional and non-traditional literary texts. Attention will be given to effective expression, clear structure, adequate development, and documentation of sources. Students will analyze print and digital artifacts. **Prerequisite:** A grade of 'C' or better in ENG 1001G or its equivalent.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Students will receive instruction that enables them:

- To examine and understand elements of genre: prose, poetry, and plays.
- To examine and discuss rhetorical strategies.
- To write persuasive/argumentative essays about texts.

REQUIRED TEXTS

REQUIREMENTS (Total, 100%)
- **Essays, 60%:** You are required to submit all work on your essays, from beginning to end – MindMap, Outlines, Rough Drafts (save/print a copy of each rough draft before new revisions), Final Draft, and Revision.
  - Prose Analysis Essay (20%, 2500 words or 7 pages)
  - Poetry Analysis Essay (20%, 2500 words or 7 pages)
  - Play Analysis Essay (20%, 2500 words or 7 pages)
- **Writing Exercises, 25%:** You will be responsible for submitting video and written exercises related to your reading via Desire2Learn. These exercises will assist you in developing your essays and assist you in synthesizing the text and course elements.
- **Participation/Twitter, 15%:** You will be required to participate in discussion on the reading/writing, both in & out of class. Part of your participation will include the use of Social Media. You are required to follow our course Twitter account: @EIUWrites. You will be required to submit an electronic record of tweets and a total of fifty (50) tweets by the end of the semester. Your tweets must be relevant to the reading and writing assignments.

CONFERENCES
Each essay requires a conference before its submission. We will have mandatory conferences on all essays to discuss your approach (class will be cancelled for face-to-face meetings with each of you). I will use conferences to answer questions and to address global issues in your work rather than to clean up your grammar, typos, etc., so be prepared to be your own editor.

ATTENDANCE, MAKE-UP WORK, AND LATE WORK
- *I reserve the right to determine what is or is not an excused absence.*
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Regular attendance is mandatory; your grade will be impacted after two (2) or more absences. Absences on due dates, test dates, or conference dates will not excuse the submission of the assignment; assignments must be present even if you’re not.
- Do not arrive late. Attendance is recorded daily; absences will substantially hurt your grade, especially as follows:
1. All in-class work may NOT be made up.
2. Late work is NOT accepted under any circumstance.
3. Part of your final grade is based upon daily activities: contributions to class discussions; daily writing, revision, or grammar activities; a presentation; peer evaluation; conferences, and other activities that can be completed only if you’re here.
   • If participating in official EIU activity, work you’ll miss must be completed in advance. Remind me of your upcoming absence via email and allow yourself enough time to complete assignments before you leave.
   • Missed assignments will receive zero credit.

E-MAIL/COMMUNICATION
BE ADVISED: I am unlikely to respond to e-mails that are improperly formatted or that ask questions you can answer for yourself. If you have missed a class meeting, consult classmates regarding assignments before e-mailing questions to me.

You may e-mail me at: rmquesada@eiu.edu. Typically, I check e-mail periodically, Monday – Friday. I will respond to any emails that I receive over the weekend on Monday morning. I expect students to use professional language and tone in all communication with me, including in email.

ESSAY COMMENTS
You will receive detailed comments from me on all major writing assignments. The comments explain the grade you received and also help you improve as a writer. Be sure to read the comments and to discuss them with me if you have any questions. I will return your essay within 10 days of submission.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES
You may use electronic devices for relevant and appropriate reading, note taking, or social media participation, related to the course. You must turn off the sound to your devices (phone, computer, etc.) before instruction begins. If your device goes off in class, your participation grade will be affected. Be respectful of others and their work, particularly during lectures or presentations. If you are disrespectful, you may be asked to leave and will be counted absent for that class period.

GRADING
English Department standards will be used to determine grades on all written work to evaluate not only the quality and development of your ideas, but also your style, organization, grammatical proficiency, etc. While you will be graded on a variety of activities, the quality of your writing will largely determine your grade in this class. In calculating your semester grade I will use a 100pts scale.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT STANDARDS
All assignments must be typed and formatted to MLA Formatting and Style Guidelines http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/. Assignments not following these directions will NOT be accepted and will receive a grade of zero. Attention: Un-typed or improperly formatted assignments will not be considered acceptable for submission. Handwritten work is considered incomplete and should never be submitted as acceptable work. Please proofread all written work for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors, as a clean, error-free essay suggests respect for the time and effort your instructor will spend reading your work. For additional assistance with your assignments visit EIU’s Writing Center.

WRITING CENTER
I encourage you to use EIU’s Writing Center located at 3110 Coleman Hall. This free service provides one-to-one conferences with writing center consultants who can help you with brainstorming, organizing, developing support, documenting your papers, and working with sentence-level concerns. The writing center is open to help
any student from any major at any stage of his or her writing process, and its system of one-to-one conferences demonstrates value and respect for individual writers, all of whom can benefit from feedback about their works in progress. To schedule an appointment, you can drop by the Center (3110 Coleman Hall) or you can call 581-5929. The writing center is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. On Friday hours of operation are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

OFFICE HOURS
I am available during office hours or by appointment only. Office hours are reserved for answering your questions & concerns. Topics suitable for discussion during office hours include, but are not limited to: help revising assignments, clarification on assignments, brainstorming on assignment topics when relevant, concerns about commentary and/or grades, and quandaries about English in general. If you find yourself unable to come by my office during those hours due to class conflict or a similar problem and need to speak with me, you may set up an appointment with me via email. The condition to those appointments is that you must attend an appointment you set up, or notify me via email of your impending failure to attend within 2 hours of your appointment. If you miss your appointment & fail to notify me, it will affect your participation grade.

PLAGIARISM POLICY
Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism - 'the appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one's original work' (Random House Dictionary of the English Language) - has the right and the responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignments of a grade of F for the assigned essay and a grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to Student Standards. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources.

Plagiarism means taking the words or ideas of another person and passing them off as your own. To avoid it, take special care when using outside sources (including Internet sites): if you incorporate such material into your work, you must follow MLA Guidelines.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as early in the term as possible if you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EWP
As a graduation requirement, you must submit 3 essays to be included in your Electronic Writing Portfolio; you may choose to submit one essay from this class to help fulfill that obligation. Please go to www.eiu.edu/~assess/ewpmain.php for complete information.

STUDENT CONDUCT
Responsible citizenship among college students includes honesty and integrity in class work; regard for the rights of others; and respect for local, state, and federal laws as well as campus standards. Demonstrating courtesy to others is important in this class. Problems with inappropriate behavior will result in your dismissal from class and will adversely affect your grade. Conduct includes arriving prepared and on time.

ADDITIONAL DISCLAIMERS
To ensure that all students have the opportunity to gain from time spent in class; students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES
Course syllabus is subject to change.