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Texts

Kiniry, Malcolm, and Mike Rose. Critical Strategies for Academic Thinking and Writing. 3rd ed. Boston: Bedford Books, 1998.

Lunsford, Andrea A., and John J. Ruszkiewicz. Everything's an Argument. 2nd ed. Boston: Bedford Books, 2000.

Course Objectives You can view the MWSC's common course goals and objectives for ENG 108 at this URL:
<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/eflj/eng108.asp>

Attendance Policy

Attendance is expected (be sure to sign in daily). Six absences will constitute failure in the course. The fifth absence will decrease your final grade by a letter. Continual tardiness may lower your final grade by as much as 30 pts (½ letter grade).

Students with Disabilities Policy

Any student in this course who has a disability that requires any special consideration needs to meet with me as soon as possible to discuss class requirements.

Assignments and Grading Policy

Two short researched essays 100 pts each == 200 pts

Research paper (200 pts), materials (75 pts), and presentation (25pts) == 300 pts

Quizzes and exercises == 100 pts

600 pts total: A (600-540); B (539-480); C (479-420); D (419-360); F (359-0)

A late paper will lose one letter grade for each day it is overdue.

Revision Policy

The first two essays may be revised and resubmitted before the deadline. **You must conference with me before revising.** Revisions must be submitted together with the graded drafts.

Classroom Behavior Policy

As stated in the MWSC Student Handbook, "Behavior which disrupts the classroom environment or interferes with other students' ability to learn may be grounds or justification for dismissal from the classroom" (28). Please turn off the ringers of your pagers and phones, and refrain from sleeping, conducting private conversations or using computers for other than assigned purposes until after the

class.

Academic Honesty Policy

You are expected to do your own work in this course. Any case of cheating/plagiarism will result in no credit (0) for that assignment and may result in a disciplinary action by the College.

Tentative Calendar

T 8/21 Introductions, Course

Th 8/23 Read **EA** Ch 1(3-19)

T 8/28 Read **CS** Ch 2 - Summarizing (78-84); **EA** Ch 20 (326-32) and Ch 22 (342-356)

Th 8/30 Read **CS** Ch 1 - Defining (9-17), Mairs (28-36)

T 9/4 Read **EA** Ch 9 - Arguments of Definition (109-121), **CS** Howard and Rifkin (45-50)

Th 9/6 Read **EA** Ch 10 - Arguments of Evaluation (135-146)

T 9/11 Read **CS** Ch 4 - Classifying (285-294)

Th 9/13 **Progress Report I Due**; Read **CS** Portes and Rumbaut (403-17)

T 9/18 Read **EA** Ch 2&3 (22-45)

Th 9/20 **Peer Editing - Essay 1**

T 9/25 **Essay 1 Due**; Read **CS** Ch 3 - Serializing(170-75, 182-84), Cooper (201-10)

Th 9/27 Read **EA** Ch 11 - Causal Arguments (161-72), Beaty (180-6); **CS** Loth (253-8)

T 10/2 Read **CS** Sherman (145-50); **EA** Ch 19 (312-325)

[Last Day to Change Topic of the Research Project]

Th 10/4 Read **EA** Ch 12 - Proposals (190-99, 207-12).

T 10/9 Read **EA** Ch 21 (334-41)

Th 10/11 **Peer Editing - Essay 2**

T 10/16 **Essay 2 Due**; Read **CS** Ch 6 - Analyzing (556-67, 584-85)

Th 10/18 Read **CS** Economics Assignment (589-98)

T 10/23 Read **EA** Ch 4 and Ch 5 (49-63); **CS** Kinkaid (655-9)

Th 10/25 Read **EA** Ch 6 and 7 (64-86)

T 10/30 **Progress Report II Due**; Read **CS** Ch 5 - Comparing (428-32)

Th 11/1 Read and bring to class the Cover Stories handout

T 11/6 **Peer Editing - Research Paper**

Th 11/8 Presentations

T 11/13 Presentations. [**Last Day to turn in Revisions**]

Th 11/15 Presentations

T 11/20 Presentations

Th 11/22 Thanksgiving Break - No Class

T 11/27 Presentations

Th 11/29 **Research Paper and Materials Due**