

**English 100: Introduction to College Writing
Fall 2004**

Missouri Western State College
School of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Journalism

Section 26: 5-6:20 MW, JGM 120
Writer's Workshop: Wednesday 6:30 pm

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Required Texts and Course Materials:

Introduction to College Writing: English 100 Missouri Western State College
English 100 Writer's Workshop. Fall 2004 ed.
Notebook for Journal
Folders for each of four tasks
3 ½ floppy disks and a disk-storage box
Photocopies for group work as requested

Course Goals and Policies concerning Attendance, Civility and Cooperation, Grading, Student Disability, and Academic Honesty are found on pages vii-ix in the English 100 textbook.

If you miss more than five class periods, you will receive an F. No late assignments will be accepted unless there are dire circumstances.

Writing Tasks:

You will complete four major writing tasks. A student who does not complete all four tasks satisfactorily will not pass the course even if the grades achieved in the other writing tasks are satisfactory.

Each task will focus on a theme. A variety of class activities including assigned readings, class discussion, and multiple drafts reflecting response group suggestions will accompany each task.

• **Task One: Describing Significance Carefully.** Write a narrative essay about a significant person, place, or event in your life. What you describe may have actually changed your life. Due week four.

• **Task Two: Explaining What Things Mean.** Write an essay that examines the meaning of a concrete object or place and its relationship to you. Due week seven.

• **Task Three: Connecting Reading and Writing.** Write a position paper that examines an issue concerning education. The essay must use examples from your experience as well as from class readings and independent research. Due week eleven.

• **Task Four: Re-thinking Your Writing.** Write an essay on a topic of importance to you. Due week fourteen.

Process Folders: Keep 4 folders that contain the work done on each task. If there is ever a question about whether you plagiarized, these folders will prove your honesty.

Journal: You will keep a journal throughout the semester. The journal will have responses to reading assignments, personal observations, and anything else Mrs. Parish may dream up.

Grading: Most of your grade will be based on the four tasks and the final (December 13). Other points will be given for homework, journals, and quizzes.

Four Tasks and Final

1000 points

Journal 200 points

Daily Work 750 points approximately

Essay Format: Papers must be word-processed, double-spaced, and use a 12-point normal font. Be sure to save each assignment on a computer disk and make a hard copy.