

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Recognize and generate effective writing at the sentence level.
- Follow a writing process in order to convey focused, developed ideas in paragraph form.
- Approach and interact confidently with a variety of texts.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *The American Heritage Dictionary*, 5th edition

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Blue or black ink pens
- Composition book with lined paper
- Notebook paper

IMPORTANT NOTE: You must bring both textbooks and required materials to every class session.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a class in reading, thinking, and writing. Together, we'll read a novel by a famous English writer of the last century. We'll develop critical and creative thinking skills that you'll find useful in college and in your life beyond college. And we'll write a lot—writing of all different kinds, in-class and out-of-class, most of it in your Journal. You will be required to read aloud often in this class, both from our book and from your Journal. You will be required to write on the board often and work through problems, both individually and in small groups. This is a high-participation class.

GRADING

This class has no letter grades; it is a *Pass/No Pass* class. At the end of the quarter, I will collect the following assignments and evaluate your readiness for the next level English class. If all of these items are completed satisfactorily, you will receive a *Pass*. But if you have not completed all the work and/or if your work is unsatisfactory, you will receive a *No Pass*. De Anza College allows you to take this

class twice if you need to. And some people need to repeat this class in order to be prepared for the next level English class.

Reading quiz scores; Writing test scores; Attendance/Participation; Journal; Portfolio.

POLICIES

Attendance: Your attendance in this class is crucial. I will hold you to your commitment to be here during the entire time our class meets. If I notice that you are regularly coming late or leaving early or missing class altogether, I will drop you from the course, and the college will notify you via email that you have been dropped.

Participation: I will call on you often to read aloud in class, participate in discussions, and write on the board. I will record your participation level on my roll sheet. Be on time, be alert, participate actively.

Make Ups: If you miss a test or a quiz for any reason, the only time you may make it up is during one of my scheduled office hours. It is your responsibility to do this. I will not notify you or remind you.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

The Student Success Center at De Anza College requires all English 200 students to complete 4 hours of supplemental instruction to support their learning throughout the quarter. You will write a diagnostic essay in the first week of the quarter to help your instructor assess what skills or strategies you will work on in supplemental instruction. Supplemental instruction is an out-of-class activity located in the Writing & Reading Center, AT 309 (<http://deanza.edu/studentsuccess/wrc>). You must fulfill this requirement in order to pass this class.

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