

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

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

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Blue or black ink pens
- Composition book with lined paper
- Notebook paper
- Green Exam Booklet for final essay

**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 your **Journal**, read it carefully, and decide if your writing demonstrates that you are ready for the next level English class. I will also evaluate your **quiz & test scores, attendance & participation, final essay exam**, and the three short **essays** that you will write in the final two weeks of our 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.

## **POLICIES**

No Electronic Devices: While you are in this class, you must give it your full attention. This means absolutely *no cell phones* or other electronic devices. Please turn them off and pack them away.

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. By the end of the quarter, if you have more than four zeros on my roll sheet (the mark I make when you can't or don't respond)—*for whatever reason*—I will consider that unsatisfactory participation. Be on time, be alert, participate actively.

Attendance Requirement: Your attendance in this class is crucial. I will hold you to your commitment to be here during the time our class meets. *There are no excused absences*. For whatever reason you choose, you may miss four days of instruction and still be eligible to pass. However, *upon your fifth absence I will drop you from the class*. I will not discuss this with you. I will drop you, and the college will notify you via email that you have been dropped. Regular tardiness will also result in a drop.

## **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 paragraph in the first two weeks of the quarter to help your instructor and you 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, ATC 309 (<http://deanza.edu/studentsuccess/wrc>). You must fulfill this requirement in order to pass this class.

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