

**EWRT D002: 58Z**  
**CRN: 44400**

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Required Text: *Signs of Life in the USA (10th ed.)* editors Maasik and Solomon (SL)  
*Ecotopia* by Ernest Callenbach (E)

**This EWRT 2 class is taught totally online through Canvas where exact instructions regarding homework and essays are located under “Assignments,” and you can work at your own pace. I will be at my computer most mornings from 9am till noon, but please feel free to email me any questions or concerns anytime. I will always respond within 24 hours. Office Hours are every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11am when you can “see” me via Zoom. Details to follow.**

Student Learning Outcome: Apply critical thinking skills to writing and complex readings; demonstrate academic (analytical, argumentative) writing based on reading of complex texts; demonstrate analysis, comparison, synthesis, and documentation of independent research.

Reading Assignments: There will be several readings a week followed by homework assignments and corresponding research. All specifications are listed under “Assignments” in Canvas.

Writing Assignments: Four typed research essays are required. Typed format and other specifications are in Canvas under “Assignments.” All essays follow the 2016 MLA (Modern Language Association) format for documentation and Works Cited. See SL pages 61-64, at the end of the Introduction Chapter right before Chapter One. Also, access Purdue OWL on the internet for additional MLA clarification.

Late Papers/Missed Assignments: You will not be allowed to make up any homework or essay unless you have emailed me. Also, any student who misses four homework assignments a row without contacting me will be dropped.

**Grading Procedure:**

**16 homework assignments (25 points each).....400**  
**4 out-of-class essays (150 points each).....600**  
**Final (4th essay) due by 9am on Wed., June 28th. Total points possible 1000**

**Grades:** 1000-970=A+ (4.0), 969-930=A (4.0), 929-900=A- (3.7); 899-870=B+ (3.3), 869-830=B (3.0), 829-800=B- (2.7); 799-770=C+ (2.3), 769-730=C (2.0), \*there is no C- 729-670=D+ (1.3), 669-630=D (1.0), 629-600=D- (0.7); below 600=F (0.0).