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ENEX 101 – Writing about Film

Professor Sean O'Brien

Office hours: MW 10-11:30 and by appt. in LA 145

Books: The Curious Writer, The Everyday Writer, Elements of Style

Requirements: 3 essays with rewrites, 1 research paper, class presentation, portfolio, final exam

Schedule:

- 1/22 Intro
- 1/24 Diagnostic Essay
- 1/26 Mechanics
Readings: EW, pgs. 315-364

- 1/29 Quiz on mechanics
- 12/31 Grammar
Readings: EW, pgs. 28-35
- 2/2 Quiz on grammar
Readings: TCW ch. 1

- 2/5 The Personal Essay
Readings: TCW, ch. 4
Personal Essay assigned: "badwrite" due 2/12, essay due 2/21, rewrite due 3/5
- 2/7 Ethics
Reading: handout
- 2/9 In-class exercise on the personal essays

- 2/12 The paragraph
Readings: EW pgs. 49-62
Badwrite of personal essay due
- 2/14 Structure and transitions: EW, pgs. 1-22, 58-60
- 2/16 In-class exercise on the paragraph

- 2/19 No Class
- 2/21 Review – Personal Essay due
- 2/23 Personal Essay pres.

- 2/26 Personal Essay pres.
- 2/28 Personal Essay pres.
- 3/2 Personal Essay pres.

- 3/5 The Profile
Readings: TCW. Ch. 5
Personal essay rewrite due
Profile essay assigned: badwrite due 3/12, essay due 3/16, rewrite due 4/2
- 3/7 Aristotle on character
Readings: Aristotle readings on e-reserve
- 3/9 In-class profile exercise
- 3/12 The Profile
Badwrite due
- 3/14 The Profile
- 3/16 Profile due
In-class editing exercise
- 3/19 Profile presentation
- 3/21 Profile presentation
- 3/23 Profile presentation
- 4/2 Arguments
Readings: TCW, ch. 8
Profile rewrite due
- 4/4 Arguments
Readings: TCW, ch. 8
Argument essay assigned: badwrite due 4/9, essay due 4/13.
rewrite due 4/23
- 4/6 In class exercise on argument
- 4/9 Argument
Bad write due
- 4/11 Argument
- 4/13 In-class editing exercise
Argument essay due
- 4/16 Research
Readings: TCW ch. 11
- 4/18 Research
Readings: TCW ch. 12
- 4/20 In-class exercise
Readings: TCW ch. 13
- 4/23 Research Presentation
- 4/25 Research Presentation
- 4/27 Research Presentation

4/30 Research Presentation
5/2 Research Presentation
5/4 Summary and Review

There will be a final in-class comprehensive exam on Monday, May 7 from 8:00-10:00.