

Course Description:

Development of the ability to analyze, criticize, and advocate ideas: relationship of language to logic, facts, inferences, judgements, and formal and informal fallacies of language and thought. Instruction in writing about issues of critical thinking to develop both thinking and writing skills.

Course Objectives:

Students will have a broad understanding of active reading procedures, ability to summarize, paraphrase, and use proper MLA format, make inferences, annotate both expository text and literature while developing an argument in which they can persuade readers through their writing.

Assignment Policy:

Class assignments will be assigned each week. The heading on ALL assignments will be in proper MLA format. All assignments will only be accepted in **pencil or dark blue/black ink**. Late work or any work not meeting the standards set forth by the homework policy will receive ZERO CREDIT. All homework is due when it is collected.

Grading Policy:

I use LearnBoost.com to enter grades. You will receive a login and temporary password to sign up and be able to track your grade in the class. I also use a straight scale policy. Assignment points will be based on effort, time, and difficulty.

Grading Scale:

A 90-100%

B 80-89%

C 70-79%

D 60-69%

F 59% & below

Course Schedule:

Week 1: Expository Text & Annotation/ MLA Format/ Summarization vs. Paraphrasing

Week 2: Poetry & Annotation/ Development of Themes & Characterization

Week 3: Common Themes/ Inferences/ Development of Arguments & Fallacies

Week 4: The Writing Process/ Revision, Editing, & Grammar

Week 5: College Preparedness

Week 6: Admission Essay

Resources:

- All of the handouts from class are available online at www.msberti.weebly.com under the section titled Upward Bound.
- We will also use Google Classroom which will have handouts available once assignments are posted.

Google Classroom Codes

Period 1/ Block A= 1ozqsr

Period 2/ Block B= 2mq0wu4

Period 3/ Block C= vbordla

- Sign up for class reminders through the Remind App for your cellphone. You will receive updates on the class, homework and assignments reminders, and be able to talk to me directly without exchanging phone numbers.

To sign up just TEXT this number 81010 and enter this message: @ubeng