

ENGLISH 151A COURSE SURVEY

The answers you write to the questions below will be used to improve this course for future students – people just like you. The more specific and useful feedback you offer, the better my teaching will be and the better the instructional experience will be for my students. Please be as honest and constructive as you can be while answering the questions – I want the class to be a good and useful experience for my students, one that prepares them well for the next level of study, and your thoughtful comments will help me do that.

I don't look at these until after final grades have been submitted for the term. The questionnaire should remain anonymous so that you feel completely free and uninhibited in expressing your opinions – **please do not sign or put your name anywhere on this sheet.**

- 1) What, if anything, did you **like** about this course – what helped you learn best? Please explain why, and give specific examples.
(Things to consider in your evaluation: the course text, my teaching methods, the homework, the paragraphs and essays, the quizzes, the pair and group exercises, the class website, the textbook, the Lab program.)

- 2) What would you **change** about this class in order to make it better? Please explain why, and give specific examples.
(Things to consider in your evaluation: the course text, my teaching methods, the homework, the paragraphs and essays, the quizzes, the pair and group exercises, the class website, the textbook, the Lab program.)

- 3) What did you like **most** about the textbook (*A Writer's Workplace*) for this class? What kinds of things did it teach you that you found useful?

- 4) What did you like **least** about the textbook (*A Writer's Workplace*) for this class? What kinds of things did it teach you that you found not very useful at all or that you would want omitted in a future version of this class?

- 5) Were the paragraph and essay assignments sufficiently challenging, or maybe not challenging enough? Based on those assignments, did you sometimes feel “over your head” or underprepared for the writing tasks? Or did you feel adequately prepared for each writing assignment? Please be as specific as you can in your answer.

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- 6) Were the rough draft **peer review** exercises helpful to you? Why or why not?

- 7) Were the rough draft **proofreading** exercises helpful to you? Why or why not?

- 8) Was the **paragraph grading sheet** helpful in correcting shortcomings in your paragraph work? Why or why not?

- 9) Were my **comments and marks** sufficiently useful in addressing strengths and weaknesses in your work? Why or why not?

- 10) Was the grading of paragraphs, essays and homework fair in your view? Why or why not?

- 11) Do you feel that your learning would have been enhanced if you had been permitted to use electronic devices (laptops, tablets, “smart phones,” etc.) in the classroom? How and why?

- 12) Do you perceive yourself as a more accomplished writer and reader engaged in interpreting others’ ideas and clearly articulating your own than you were at the beginning of the term? How so?

- 13) Was the class challenging enough for you? If so, give a few brief examples that explain why. If not, tell me what you would have liked more of.

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II. Please rank the following components according to how they helped you read more carefully, write more clearly and confidently, and see yourself as a more capable writer and reader than you were at the beginning of the course.

Rank each component from 1 to 3, where **1 is the MOST helpful** and **3 is the least helpful.**)

Course:

Lecture by instructor	_____
Course website	_____
Course resources (digital handouts)	_____
Instructor conferences (if applicable)	_____
Textbook	_____
Paragraph writing assignments	_____
Homework exercises from the course textbook	_____
Journal writing assignments from the course textbook	_____
Group work and pair work	_____
Quizzes	_____

Lab:

Lab instructions	_____
Lab program	_____
Lab exercises and tests	_____
Lab staff (responsiveness, helpfulness)	_____

III. Please use the space below for any additional comments you would like to add regarding this class.
