UNIT I: SYNTHESIS

Personal Response Essay

I. Aug 29. Invention
Due – x
Activities –
• Define & discuss “communication” and “observing.”
• Prep for agency supervisors’ visit.

Volunteer Fair:
Wednesday, August 31,
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
in Corey Union’s Exhibition Lounge

Aug 31. Agency Supervisors’ “Meet ’n’ Greet”
Due – Three open-ended questions for agency supervisors.
Activity—Meet ‘n’ Greet.

Sep 02. Main Street Walk-Along
Meet at street-side steps of Miller Building
Due – By 10:00 a.m., email me your
• Agency preferences list.
• Letter of application.
Activity—Main Street Walk-Along.

II. Sep 05. Labor Day = No Class.

Sep 07. Invention
Due –
• DGWW, 3-7.
• Readings packet.
• Open-ended questions re readings.
Activities –
• Discuss readings and questions regarding the readings.
• Begin generating ideas for essay.

Sep 09. Invention / Planning
Activity – Outline a possible personal response essay.

III. Sep 12. Revision
Student/Teacher Conferences this week
Due –
• Two copies of draft #1.
• Email me the slides of your draft by 8:00 a.m.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Constitution Day Presentation
Thursday, September 17
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
in Brockway Hall’s Jacobus Lounge

Sep 14. Revision
Due – DGWW, 27 – 35.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Sep 16. Revision
Due – tba.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

IV. Sep 19. Editing, Paraphrasing
Due – Draft 2, w/ Explanation of Revisions.
Activities – Workshops.
• Paraphrasing.
• Editing.

Sep 21. Reflection
Due – Service-Learning Reflection (SLR) 1.
Activity – Discuss reflection responses.

V. Sep 26. Editing / Conciseness
Due –
• DGWW, 36 – 42.
• Editing/Conciseness homework.
Activity – Conciseness Workshop.

Sep 28. Mechanics; Proofreading
Due – One copy of your “final” draft.
Activity – Proofread essays.
UNIT II: DATABASE RESEARCH

Sep 30   Teamwork
Due – Personal Response Essay.
Activity – Teamwork workshop.

VI. Oct 03   Research
This week, meet in Memorial Library’s
Instructional Resource Center (2nd floor).
Due – tba.
Activity – Composition/Library
Instruction Program (CLIP), part 1.

Oct 05   Research
Due – x.
Activity – CLIP, part 2.

Oct 07   Teamwork
Due – A list of two or three narrowed topics
Activity – Team planning; devise a narrowed topic (problem).

VII. Oct 10   Research
Meet in Old Main #G-16
Due – List of at least
• One general database.
• Two specific databases.
• Three sets of search terms for each database.
Activity – Research.

Oct 12   Invention/Planning. Meet in G-16
Due –
• Research Record.
• Email me the PDF’s of at least 3 useful periodical sources that you found through your electronic database research.
Activity –
• Share your information with your teammates.
• Begin outlining your proposal.

Oct 14   Planning; Outlining. Meet in G-16
Due –
Activity – Continue working on your team’s proposal.

Oct 19   Excel Charts & Graphs. Meet in G-16
Due – Project-related statistical data.
Activity – Create a chart & graph for essay.

Oct 21   Revision. Meet in G-16
Due –
• Two copies of draft #1.
• Email me the slides of your draft by 8:00 a.m.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

XIV. Oct 24   Revision
Student Conferences this week
Due – Editing homework.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Oct 26   Revision
Due – Editing homework.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Oct 28   Reflection
Due – SLR 2.
Activity – Discuss reflection responses.

X. Oct 31   Practice Presentations
Due – Email me your team’s PowerPoint by 8:00 a.m.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Oct 26   Practice Presentations
Due – tba.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Oct 28   Practice Presentations
Due – x.

XI. Nov 07   Presentations
Due –
• Email me your team’s revised PowerPoint by 8:00 a.m.
• Problem/Solution Essay.
Activity – Presentations to Agency Supervisors.

November 08: Election Day.

Nov 09   Discuss Election Results
Due – x.
Activity – Discuss Election Results.
UNIT III: EXTENDED DEFINITION

Nov 11. Reflection
Due – SLR 3.
Activity – Discuss reflection responses.

XII. Nov 14. Invention
Due – x.
Activities –
• Discuss Extended Definition essay.
• Generate essay ideas.

Nov 16. Invention
Due –
• Your invented term.
• Your invented term’s one-sentence definition.
Activity – Discuss terms and definitions.

Nov 18. Invention / Planning
Due –
• Revised term and single-sentence definition.
• Extended Definition outline.
Activity – Drafting workshop.

XIII. Nov 21. Revision
Student Conferences this week.
Due –
• Two copies of draft #1.
• Email me the slides of your draft by 8:00 a.m.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Nov 23. Thanksgiving Vacation – No Class.

Nov 24. Thanksgiving Vacation – No Class.

XIV. Nov 28. Revision
Due – x.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Nov 30. Revision
Due – x.
Activity – Reflective Peer Review.

Dec 02. Reflection
Due – SLR 4.
Activity – Discuss reflection responses.

XV. Dec 05. Editing
Due – Draft #2, with Explanation of Revisions.
Activity – Editing Workshop.

Dec 07. Editing
Due – x.
Activity – Editing workshop.

Dec 09. Course/Teacher Evaluation
Due – Extended Definition Essay.
Activity – Course/Teacher Evaluation.

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