

Mrs. Schmal's Advanced Composition – 2005-06 (Semester 1)

Essay Requirements

- Double spaced
- Double spaced “heading” at upper left: Jane Jones (Your full name)  
Advanced Composition 6 (Class name and number)  
Mrs. Schmal (Instructor's name)  
17 October 2005 (Current date in MLA form)  
Expository Essay (Type of paper)
- “Header” at upper right: Jones 1(Only a one-pager does not need a header.)
- Well organized writing that has been carefully proofread (see Hostage 50 sheet.)
- **Due on the due date** or -7 points per day it is late (Note: Being absent from class on the due date does not excuse a missing paper unless a reasonable excuse warrants its lateness. Put the paper in my mailbox in the faculty room on or before the due date.)

Class Requirements

- Bring *Survival* every day. (Textbook readings and short assignments will be given and checked almost daily. Your “classwork” score will drop if you have no book.)
- Bring a highlighter to mark textbook notes.
- Bring pens/pencils (pencils for Grammar Test days) and a highlighter for text notes.
- Save all drafts and returned papers in a 3-ring binder and bring binder to class every day.
- Have a book to read at all times when not working on a composition.

Extra Credit

- Hand in final papers on due date *at the beginning of class* for +1.
- Hand in a prewriting technique (brainstorming, freewriting, clustering, analytical/focused questioning, or pyramiding as explained in *Survival* 12-15) that also includes the narrowed or focused topic for +1.
- Hand in a typed draft that is signed by an editor. This draft must show handwritten edits and/or suggestions by the editor for +1. Editing sheets without a draft do not count.
- Completion of a vocabulary study per quarter will raise one paper each quarter +5. You may participate in either or both quarters. Vocabulary sheets are due on Thursdays.

NOTE: Use this exact format for line five of the “heading”: Extra Credit Vocabulary: Week 1

- One time 500-600 word Personal Essay due the second/fourth quarter exam day will raise one paper +5.

Due Dates:

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| • Grammar Pre-test             | Wednesday, August 31    |
| • Lesson One Grammar Test      | Friday, September 9     |
| • Lesson Two Grammar Test      | Tuesday, September 13   |
| • Lesson Three Grammar Test    | Monday, September 19    |
| • Grammar Final Test           | Wednesday, September 21 |
| • Expository Paper First Draft | Friday, October 7       |
| • Expository Paper Final Draft | Monday, October 17      |
| • Argumentative Paper          | Wednesday, October 26   |
| • Critical Review Paper        | Thursday, November 10   |
| • Critical Analysis Paper      | Thursday, December 1    |
| • Investigative Research Paper | Tuesday, January 10     |
| • In-class Essay Exam          | Wednesday, January 18   |