

ENGLISH 5 – ADVANCED COMPOSITION AND CRITICAL THINKING

COURSE CALENDER

	READINGS AND DOCUMENTARIES	Complete all the assignments on the due dates by 11:59 pm.
ORIENTATION	Instructor Info & Office Hours Course Calendar Cyberlounge Guidelines and Rubrics – For Quick Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Five Rules of Netiquette in an Online Course • Discussion Guidelines & Rubric • General Writing Guidelines & Grading Rubric • CRAAP Analysis 	“I am Here!” Complete this module the first day of class. (1 point) Fun discussion – “Bumper Sticker” (20 pts) “Please Introduce Yourself” (50 pts)
UNIT 1 Weeks 1 – 2	Introduction to Rhetoric and Critical Thinking READ: Critical Thinking and Steps to Critical Analysis in Writing Introduction to Rhetoric and Argument “Siren Song” by Margaret Atwood	“Thinking on Critical Thinking” (50 pts) Unit Quiz – Rhetoric and Argument (20 pts) Discussion on “Siren Song” (50 pts)
UNIT 2 Weeks 3-4	Rhetorical Analysis of Influential Texts READ: “Writing Effective Essays, Summarizing, Paraphrasing, and Quoting Sources” Critical Analysis of “Atlanta Compromise” Booker T. Washington and from <i>The Souls of Black Folk</i> “Of Our Spiritual Strivings” by W.E.B. Du Bois Critical Analysis of “Nonviolence and Racial Justice” Martin Luther King, Jr. and “The Ballot or the Bullet” by Malcolm X	Discussion on Washington and Du Bois (50 pts) Discussion on MLK vs Malcolm X (50 pts) Complete the 1st Essay (200 pts) Anonymous Student Survey
UNIT 3 Weeks 5-6	Analysis of Evidence and Argument WATCH: Documentary <i>13th</i> Ava DuVernay READ: Introduction and Chapter 1 of <i>The New Jim Crow</i> by Michelle Alexander	Questions on Ava DuVernay’s documentary 13 th . (100 pts) Discussion questions for <i>The New Jim Crow</i> . (100 pts)
UNIT 4 Week 7-8	Propaganda Techniques WATCH: <i>Advertising at the Edge of the Apocalypse</i> by Sut Jhally READ: “Propaganda Techniques to Recognize”	Discussion on <i>Advertising at the Edge of the Apocalypse</i> by Sut Jhally (50 pts) Unit Quiz – Propaganda Techniques (20 pts) Complete the 2 nd Essay (100 pts) Anonymous Student Survey 2
UNIT 5 Weeks 9-12	Evaluating Verbal and Visual Propaganda READ: <i>Brainwashed: Challenging the Myth of Black Inferiority</i> by Tom Burrell Power Point Presentation on Burrell’s Brainwashed	Complete Group Presentations on Burrell’s Brainwashed (200 pts) Unit Quiz – Presentations on Burrell’s Brainwashed (TBD pts) Complete the 3 rd Essay (300 pts) Peer Editing for Essay 2 (100 pts)
UNIT 6 Weeks 13-17	Rhetoric, Revisionism, and Storytelling READ: <i>Handmaid’s Tale</i> by Margaret Atwood Comprehension Questions on <i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> Outline and Annotated Bibliography Guidelines	Unit Quiz – <i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> (20 pts) Discussion on <i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> (50 pts) Complete the 4 th Essay (200 pts)