
Composition & Rhetoric: Fall 2007

Note: This syllabus is subject to change. You are responsible for all changes announced in class.

	In Class	Before Class
Week 1 9/10/07	Intro. to the study of argument	Read: <i>Rhetoric</i> 3–7, 11–15
Week 2 9/17/07	Description	Read: Description (<i>Prose</i> 36–45) Bradbury, “Summer Rituals” (<i>Prose</i> 51–54) McPhee, “The Pines” (<i>Prose</i> 72–77) Write: Writing autobiography
Week 3 9/24/07	Summarizing	Read: Cooper, “Labyrinthine” (<i>Prose</i> 94–98) Write: Description
Week 4 10/1/07	Claims, reasons, and warrants	Read: <i>Rhetoric</i> 16–21 Write: Summary of a newspaper article
Week 5 10/8/07	Claims, reasons, and warrants Narration	Read: Narration (<i>Prose</i> 102–109) Sawaquat, “For My Indian Daughter” (<i>Prose</i> 117–120) Baker, “The Saturday Evening Post” (<i>Prose</i> 130–138) Write: Rhetorical analysis of a newspaper/magazine ad
Week 6 10/15/07	Ethos and Pathos	Read: Cisneros, “Only Daughter” (<i>Prose</i> 141–145) <i>Rhetoric</i> 45–55 Write: Narrative essay
Week 7 10/22/07	Ethos and Pathos Fallacies	Read: <i>Rhetoric</i> 56–71 Write: Rhetorical analysis of a newspaper/magazine article
Week 8 10/29/07	Process analysis	Read: Process Analysis (<i>Prose</i> 208–216) Bliss, “Managing Your Time” (<i>Prose</i> 221–226)
Week 9 11/5/07	Four basic questions Review of rhetoric	Read: <i>Rhetoric</i> 81–86 Write: Process analysis essay
Week 10 11/12/07	Division/classification	Read: Viorst, “The Truth About Lying” (<i>Prose</i> 312–318) Write: Take-home rhetoric test
11/19/07	No Class (Thanksgiving)	
Week 11 11/26/07	Division/classification	Read: Division/Classification (<i>Prose</i> 265–272) Cole, “Calculated Risks” (<i>Prose</i> 282–292)
Week 12 12/3/07	Comparison/contrast	Read: Catton, “Grant and Lee” (<i>Prose</i> 338–342) Write: Division/classification essay
Week 13 12/10/07	Comparison/contrast	Read: Comparison/Contrast (<i>Prose</i> 322–332) Ouchi, “Japanese and American ...” (<i>Prose</i> 357–363)
Week 14 12/17/07	Four basic questions Definition	Write: Comparison/Contrast essay
12/24/07	No Class (Christmas)	
12/31/07	No Class (New Years)	
Week 15 1/7/08	Last Day of the Semester Definition	Read: <i>Rhetoric</i> 135–143