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**English 3503: Advanced Survey of English
(Fall 2023)**

Texts

- *The Concise Heath Anthology of American Literature* edited by Paul Lauter (Volumes I and II, second edition)
- *Mysteries of Love and Grief: Reflections on a Plainswoman's Life* by Sandra Scofield
- *Writing With Style* by John Trimble (any edition)
- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman

Course Goals

- The class will examine representational works of American literature with an emphasis on the major genres, especially poetry.
- Students will further develop the compositional skills and strategies learned in English 1143 or 1153 while composing thesis-based essays discussing these representational texts.

Additional information about course objectives can be found on the department webpage, <http://libarts.mwsu.edu/english/>.

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>% of Grade</u>
Four essays:	40%
Four exams:	40%
Class participation:	15%
Annotated Bibliography:	5%

Essay drafts

While I do not require that you turn in rough drafts, I encourage you to do so. If you turn in your essay to me in a manila envelope, I will read it in a timely manner. Then I will offer you three or four suggestions as to how to improve your essay. However, I will NOT mark and edit your draft. (I will comment on a maximum of two drafts.)

Final

Tuesday, December 12 @ 1:00 pm.

Examination

- Grading Policies** In this class, the following numerical equivalents for **final** grades are used: A = 100-90%; B = 89-80%; C = 79-70%; D = 69-60%; F = 59-0%.
- Submission Format and Policy** MLA form is required when composing your essays. However, as you will only discuss primary texts, a Works Cited page is unnecessary. Each writing assignment will be preceded by a lengthy prompt. This prompt will be classroom generated, and each student must, at a minimum, meet the stated requirements.
- Each assignment will be uploaded into D2L, and I will use TurnItIn to verify its originality. Any assignment that is plagiarized will earn a zero. Two plagiarized assignments will result in the student's being dropped with an F from the class.
- Legal talk: By enrolling in this class, the student expressly grants MSU a "limited right" to all intellectual property created by the student for the purpose of this course. The "limited right" shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product in order to verify originality and authenticity, and for educational purposes.
- Note:** You may not submit a paper for a grade in this class that already has been (or will be) submitted for a grade in another course.
- Late Paper/Assignment Policy** I will accept a late essay for 24 hours with a letter-grade penalty. After 24 hours, I will not accept the essay.
- Plagiarism Policy** To clarify, plagiarism is the use of someone else's thoughts, words, ideas, or lines of argument in your own work without appropriate documentation—whether you use that material in a quotation, paraphrase, or summary. It is a theft of intellectual property and will **not be tolerated**, whether intentional or not. Incidences of "cutting and pasting" and other blatant examples of plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment. Furthermore, I will follow university policy and report the violation. And as I previously mentioned, the second violation will result in the student being dropped from the class with an F.
- Chat GPT and AI** Since writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills are part of the learning outcomes of this course, all writing assignments should be prepared by the student. Developing strong competencies in this area will prepare you for a competitive workplace. Therefore, AI-generated submissions are not permitted and will be treated as plagiarism.

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 397-4140.

Safe Zones Statement

The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being – regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided you can agree to disagree. It is the professor’s expectation that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

Contacting Your Instructor

All instructors in the Department have voicemail in their offices and MSU Texas e-mail addresses. Make sure you add your instructor’s phone number and e-mail address to both email and cell phone lists of contacts. You are certainly welcome to call me, but I would prefer, if possible, that most messages be left via email.

Attendance Policy and COVID 19

I will take roll, and the student who is excessively absent may be dropped from the course. I do not deduct points for absences, but you will be expected to contribute to the class’s collective conversation on a daily basis—and 20% of your semester grade is based on this class participation. **In the event that in-person classes are suspended during the semester, the class will continue to meet at 11:00 TTh via Zoom.** If you become ill during the semester, please let me know as soon as possible so that you and I can discuss your situation.

Other Policies

Classroom civility has drastically declined in the last few years. Please resist the urge to monitor your cell phone while in class, and let’s keep the drink and food to a minimum. Also, while I encourage lively classroom discussion, please make every effort to be respectful with your comments, both to your classmates and your instructor. Finally, if you have a complaint about the class or a question about a grade, you need to bring that complaint to the privacy of my office.

University Writing Labs

Tutoring and Academic Support Programs (TASP) provides free drop-in tutoring for MSU students. Located on the first floor of Moffett Library, TASP's Learning center provides tutoring support in a number of core courses and subject areas. Please see our schedule for more information about times and offerings. *Remember that you don't need an appointment to utilize these services.*

Some departments also provide tutoring. Check the "Tutoring at MSU" tab in

the portal for more information about all campus tutoring opportunities.

**Writing
Proficiency Exam**

All students seeking a Bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University must satisfy a writing proficiency requirement once they have 1) completed 6 hours of Communication Core and 2) earned 60 hours. Students may meet this requirement by passing the Writing Proficiency Exam, passing two Writing Intensive courses, or passing English 2113. If you have any questions about the exam, visit the [Writing Proficiency Office website](#) or call 397-4131.

Campus Carry

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at <http://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.

**Daily Schedule of
Readings and
Assignments**

See syllabus.