

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS AND INSTRUCTOR PLAN

Composition I

ENGL 1301.232/233, TTH 9:35-10:55 am/ LA 206

Michael John Manzullo

NOTE: This is an 8-week Hybrid Course

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COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website on any changes to these guidelines.

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1 <u>Course Description:</u>

Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting,
revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis on effective rhetorical
choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus on writing the academic
essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis.

6 **<u>Prerequisites and/or Co-requisites:</u>**

7	Passing score of	on writing part of M	CC placement test o	or credit for H	ENGL 0301	or INRW 0	0402.
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8	Cours	se Notes and Instructor Recommendations:		
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12	٩	Our class is meant to be an open forum for discussion and learning. Please treat it as		
13		such with proper respect for all attendees in our class.		
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15	٩	We will have critical readings with assigned critical writings from you, the student/		
16		critical writer. That means to analyze carefully, NOT to criticize.		
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18	٢	We will discuss, practice, edit, re-write, re-edit, and develop properly formatted		
19		documents with substance, not "fluff". (Instructions will be clearly given.)		
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21	٢	Several short "musings", several full length papers, and a longer, extended writing		
22		will be assigned to you throughout the term. (Instructions will be clearly given.)		
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24	٩	Lastly, we will have a Final essay to help you present a precise product from what		
25		you have gleaned from our class activities, assignments, and interactions with your		
26		peers.		
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28	Instru	ictor Information:		
29 30		Instructor Name: Michael John Manzullo		
30 31		MCC Email: <u>mmanzullo@mclennan.edu</u>		
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	How to Do Well in and <u>The Value</u> of this course
	 As a professional writer and an English Professor, I have had the opportunity to write in many situations and in several professional settings. One of the most "mind draining" experiences is to write well o how to focus your mind, <i>wanting</i> to write well, even after you are exhausted <i>trying</i> to write well.
	• There are little "tricks" you can learn to enhance your writing, and learn to do it well, rather simply like using a GPS instead of a paper map!
	• You will be reading from various online selections and asked to respond to several questions. These responses will make up your "Musings" a series of reflections on various topics.
	• This collection musings, together with writings, and papers, will constitute your Portfolio.
	• We will discuss various styles of Writing and realize how these styles can be used by you to develop clear thoughts, on paper.
	• Writing is not easy but it is rewarding if you learn how to think this way:
	"Good Writing is Clear Thinking Made Visible"
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Otl	ner online, public domain (free)Websites:
	 Intellectual "Musings" (Portfolio materials), and Writing Topics from which you will choose to use for writing your papers.
<u>MC</u>	<u>CC Bookstore Website</u> : <u>http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/</u>
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1 <u>Student Support/Resources:</u>

2 MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your

3 academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid,

- 4 etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at
- 5 <u>http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/</u>
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7 College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student

8 success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a

9 success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-

10 Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources

and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry)

- 12 is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center
- 13 and Pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).
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- 18 be able to assist you. Please go to https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-
- 19 <u>resources/emergencygrant.html</u> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can
- 20 be found <u>here</u> (https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).
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 date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.
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 31 <u>* Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace</u>
 32 (Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed
 33 to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.)
 34 (or copy/paste this one)
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 36 https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-
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learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html

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1 **Email Policy:**

- 2 McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy
- 3 (<u>http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf</u>) regarding college
- 4 email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses
- 5 when conducting college business.
- 7 Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails.

9 Instructional Uses of Email:

- 1) Please submit your communication to me through emails at my MCC email: <u>mmanzullo@mclennan.edu</u>
 - 2) Standard student, McLennan email, should be used for Classroom use / electronic communications.
- 3) Students are GREATLY <u>encouraged</u> to check your MCC email on a regular basis.
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16 **Email on Mobile Devices:**

- 17 The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails.
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19 **Forwarding Emails:**

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- 21 however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address
- that may become lost or placed in junk or spam filters.
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25 <u>Methods of Teaching and Learning:</u>

- All English 1301 students must complete a <u>short research project</u> that <u>includes both a written</u>
- 27 <u>paper</u> and an oral <u>presentation</u>.
- 28 To meet MCC core objectives, students will:
- <u>accurately evaluate, compare, and integrate</u> at least five secondary sources;
 - <u>cite sources correctly and appropriately</u>, using MLA documentation style, and
- <u>work together</u> to improve written drafts through peer review and self/team analysis.

32 Our usual discussions/ activities will look something like this:

- Lecture, discussion groups,
- Group projects,
- Student presentations,

- Portfolio,
- Written reports/papers, and
- Exam

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1 <u>Course Objectives and/or Competencies:</u>

Courses in this category a) focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, 3 considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. <u>These courses also b</u> involve the command of oral, aural, written, and visual literacy skills that enable people to exchange messages appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience.

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7 8 9 10	 Critical Thinking (CT) to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information Communications Skill (COM) to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication 			
11	Interpersonal Relationship (See Gardner article)			
12	• Teamwork (TW)			
13	Personal Responsibility (PR)			
14 15	a) Includes the ability to <i>consider different points of view</i> and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal			
16	b) Includes the ability to <i>connect choices, actions and consequences</i> to ethical decision-			
17	making.			
18	Learning Outcomes			
19	Students will			
20	1. <i>Demonstrate</i> knowledge of individual and collaborative research processes.			
21	2. <i>Develop</i> ideas and synthesize primary and secondary sources within focused academic			
22	arguments, including one or more research-based essays.			
23	3. Analyze, interpret, and evaluate a variety of texts for the ethical and logical uses of			
24	evidence.			
25	4. <i>Write</i> in a style that clearly communicates meaning, builds credibility, and inspires belief			
26	or action.			
27	5. Apply the conventions of style manuals for specific academic disciplines (e.g., APA,			
28	CMS, MLA, etc.).			
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30	Please read the following VERY carefully:			
31	Course Grading Information:			
32	• Students must do all assignments to pass and do well in the course.			
33	• <u>Missing work</u> becomes a <u>failing mark for that assignment</u> , which can lead to reduced			
34 25	final, course grade.			
35 36	• This is a skills development course; therefore, certain work in the course counts for less than other, less intensive, work done.			
50	other, less intensive, work done.			

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• Points are assigned to each major paper assigned, and the % of **the points assigned** will be the grade for **that assignment**. (e.g., 85% of 150 points assignment = 128/150 points.

- Each of the assignments will be graded as followed and are percentage of total.
 - **Total points** for all assignments = 1,050 total points (see chart next page)
 - Most important assignments = most points. For example:

Write well, do well in everything ... leave nothing to chance.

NOTE:

- The W is given for course withdrawal and
 - <u>may be initiated by students during the first 60% of the course</u> calendar or
 - by the instructor at any time for excessive absences, as per MCC policy.
 - Withdrawals may affect financial aid or scholarship status.

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- 1 Please read the following <u>Grading Chart</u> & information (2 pages) carefully.
- 2 It is your "blueprint" for a successful experience in your English 1301 class.
- 3 Paper and/or Presentation Scoring Guide:
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Criteria	A= Outstanding 90-100	B = Proficient 80-89	C = Basic 70-79	D= Needs Work 60-69
Critical Chinking Critical Chinking Critical Chinking Critical Chinking Critical Connections -Demonstrate excellent descriptive, analytic, interpretative, evaluative, and engaged intellectual inquiry.		-Shows less originality and may have minor flaws in logicDemonstrates good descriptive, analytic, interpretative, evaluative, and engaged intellectual inquiry.	-Expression mostly limited to ideas from class or readingsInconsistent description, analysis, interpretation, evaluation, and engagement in intellectual inquiry.	-Does not comprehend course concepts Inadequate description, analysis, interpretation, evaluation, and engagement in intellectual inquiry.
Communication	-Clear main idea with supporting organization and developed examples and explanationExcellent awareness of rhetorical situation, including audience, topic, and perspective as speaker/writer.	-Clear main idea but may have minor lapses in organization, less developed examples and explanation. -Good awareness of rhetorical situation and matches work to audience requirements.	developed examples and	organization, and content development Does not consider or tailor content and
Mechanics	-Demonstrates complete command of format with mature diction and shows few, if any, grammar, spelling, or diction errors	-Demonstrates competent command of format & diction. May have minor mechanical, grammar, spelling, or diction errors.	-Shows mostly competent command of format and diction but has some major mechanical, grammar, spelling, or diction errors.	-Fails to show competence in format, diction, mechanics, grammar, and/or spelling.
Teamwork	-Actively assists in meeting group goals Treats others respectfully at all times. - Consistently provides assistance and encouragement to all team members.	-Contributes to meeting group goalsTreats others respectfully. -Assists and/or encourages other team members.	-Participates with teamwork requirements but does not actively work beyond the minimum required. -Treats others with respect but does not interact fully.	-Does not assist the group and/or fails to treat group members respectfully.
Personal Responsibility	-Completes all assigned tasks by deadlines; work is thorough and comprehensiveAlways shows the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision- making.	-Completes most assigned tasks by the deadline; work is mostly thorough and shows only minor lapses in accountabilityUsually shows the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision- making.	-Misses deadlines occasionally; work generally meets requirements; shows occasional major lapses in responsibilityOften shows the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision- making.	-Sometimes fails to show the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision- making

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- Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:
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- a. Late work is not accepted. Sorry.b. You have ample time to plan beca
- b. You have ample time to plan because I present to you a complete schedule, including all dates and DUE DATES for the entire Semester/ Term.
 - a. Emergencies do happen. We can talk.
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Plan ahead! People have to do it in the "real world!"



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1 **Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:** 2 Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes: 3 a. <u>respect</u> for other students and the instructor, 4 5 b. prompt and regular attendance, and c. an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of your education opportunity. 6 * Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement 7 (www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity) 8 The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and 9 cheating. 10 11 * Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy 12 (https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html) 13 Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may 14 have guidelines specific to this course. 15 16 17 **Accommodations/ADA Statement** Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable 18 accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students 19 20 should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will 21 22 be provided to the student and instructor. 23 **Please note** that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. 24 Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations 25 26 Coordinator. For additional information, please visit mclennan.edu/disability. 27 28 Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, 29 or testing accommodations should contact: disabilities@mclennan.edu 30 254-299-8122 31 Room 319, Student Services Center 32 33 34 * Click Here for more information about Title IX 35 (www.mclennan.edu/titleix) 36 We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can 37 successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual 38 39 misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 40 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC 41 42 Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center

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1	is a confidential resou	rce for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment
2	anonymously by visit	ing the following website: <u>http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/</u> .
3	McLennan's Title IX	webpage (<u>http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/</u>) contains more information
4	about definitions, rep	orting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you
5	know is a victim of se	exual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape,
6	acquaintance rape, set	xual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic
7	violence.	
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9	* You will need to ac	cess each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Internet
10	Explorer, Mozilla,	Chrome, or Safari) to print each link's information.
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13	Please note the	following important dates:
14	Oct 19	: First class meeting
15	Nov 25-26	: Thanksgiving Holidays
16	Dec 2	: Last Day of class (8 week courses)
17	Dec 7	: Final Exam Week

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Course Schedule:

Key dates to remember

10/19/2021

• INTRO & In class Sample Writing

NOTE: Musings Due : Weeks 1, 3, 5 Essays Due: Weeks 2, 4, 6

Week 1 Oct 19 / 21

MUSINGS/ TOPIC 1: The Art of Invention (Assigned Date: 10/19

https://www.google.com/books/edition/_/OSUdtJ1w48UC?hl=en&gbpv=1&pg=PA13&d q=art+of+invention

Musing Writing: (See Information attached sheet) Due Dates: 10/21

Week 2

Oct 26 / 28

Essay #1: Focus : The Art of Invention (Chapter 3) Assigned: 10/21

(See Information attached sheet) Due Dates: 10/28

MUSINGS/ TOPIC 2: Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences https://www.verywellmind.com/gardners-theory-of-multiple-intelligences-2795161

(Assigned Dates: 10/28

Week 3 Nov 2 / 4

Gardner Musing Writing: (See Information attached sheet) Due 11/02

Essay #2: Focus : Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences

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(See Information attached sheet) Assigned Date: 11/04 Week 4 Nov 9 /11 Essay #2: Focus : Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences (See Information attached sheet) Due Date: 11/11 MUSINGS/ TOPIC 3: 8 Steps to Building a Successful Team: How to be a Leader https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/steps-to-buildinga-successful-team Due Date 11/16 Week 5 Nov 16 /18 Essay #3: Focus : 8 Steps to Building a Successful Team: How to be a Leader (See Information attached sheet) Due Dates: 11/18 Week 6 Nov 23 / Final Draft is Handed in. Extended Paper-Step 1: Topic is Due Step 2: First Draft Outline is completed Nov 25 Thanksgiving Holiday Weeks 7 & 8 Nov 30 / Dec 2 Step 3: First Draft Step 4: Selected Supporting Documentation Completed Step 5: Completed Draft Peer-edited (time?) Step 6: Final Drat Submitted

Instructions for: Musings and Responses

For each of the READINGS, in 3 paragraphs:

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- 1) What is the central thought of this writing?
- 2) What can you find in the article to validate your thought?
- 3) What is your opinion about the "central thought" of this writing?

Your essay & each paragraph response must be arranged in a basic essay format, that is, "classic"

- 1) beginning (Intro),
- 2) middle (development), and
- 3) end <u>conclusion</u>.
- 1) You must address the questions assigned, and
- Email (mmanzullo@mclennan.edu) both questions and related answers before our next week's 1st class.
 - a. The "hand-in-date" will be included in the actual "day-assigned-date"
- 3) Each paragraph must focus on the "question"; that is, don't ramble or go off your topic ... focus on asking yourself:
 - a. "What does the question ask me?"
 - b. After you are clear what the "question" is, then focus on developing an answer using both the material as well as your well thought-out responses.

Then to write your paper:

- a) Develop an Outline (see handout)
- b) Develop a response: (~2 pages)
 - a) NO LESS THAN (1.5) PAGES, AND
 - b) NO MORE THAN (2) PAGES

c) TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED, TIMES NEW ROMAN, 12 FONT SIZE, Default Word margins.

Your Writing must include:

- Intro should be thoughtful (we talked about that)
- Middle section: clear, logical developed points should follow; and
- Last section, a conclusion,
 - giving its overall application you'd like us to gain from your thoughts.

This is a writing class, and I hope ... to help you think more like a writer, not only like a student. Grow!

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

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