

Final Exam for English 1A

Directions: Write a detailed essay in which you answer one of the questions below. Be sure that you make your points vividly clear, using several examples. Focus on three areas. Each of the areas you choose should be well-developed in a separate paragraph with its own theme. Your topic sentence should announce that theme and the supporting details you choose should all support that theme or category. Be sure to use textual evidence (quotes) to support your ideas in the body paragraphs (not required for the introduction or conclusion). Body paragraphs without effective, relevant quotes will automatically lose points. Plan to use the reading material which we had discussed. In addition, you will need to do some independent research to support your position. Choose only one of the prompts below.

1. We have studied several people who succeeded in changing the world. Select three of the people we have studied and discuss what qualities they possess that made them effective agents of change. In each body paragraph, you should select a quality and compare how two of the people share this quality.

2. The people who change the world are often successful because of external factors that help them. Discuss the external factors that helped three of these people change the world. Focus on the external factor that helped him/her make a change and use one person or two people per paragraph as supporting details.

NOTE 1: You may use your book and notes to work on this final exam essay. You may even consult with classmates and discuss your ideas.

NOTE 2: Submit an outline (5 pts.) and a Works Cited List (5 pts). Both of them must be typed.

NOTE 3: You must turn in this assignment in person. I will not accept any assignment via email, in my mailbox, or at my office (under the door or pinned to my door).

NOTE 4: The final exam is not optional. I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY FINAL EXAM ESSAY UNLESS YOU ATTEND THE FINAL EXAM AND FULLY PARTICIPATE DURING THE FINAL EXAM PERIOD. NOT ATTENDING THE FINAL EXAM WILL RESULT IN YOU RECEIVING A "0" FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT. And there are no make-ups!

NOTE 5: Any PP that is not a personal quality or external factor will receive 0 pts.

Steps to Follow:

1. Brainstorm your ideas for 5-7 minutes.
2. Look at your brainstorm and select your best 3-4 ideas.
3. Organize your ideas into an outline form

4. Write a working thesis. Make sure it includes: a) the topic b) the controlling idea c) three short, clear ideas (in parallel form) that you will discuss in the body
5. Share your outline and working thesis with 2 of your peers. Get their feedback and make any changes you feel are necessary.
6. Decide what type of attention grabber you want to write in the introduction (an interesting fact related to the topic, a quotation, a paradox, or a short personal narrative)
7. Write Draft #1
8. Revise for content, organization.
9. Write Draft #2
10. Edit for grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
11. Write Draft #3
12. Proofread for final errors.
13. Print final draft