

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2008 12/4/08

Course: English 161 Section: 006

Instructor: Coxall

1. What were the strengths of this course and this instructor?

The instructor was very well organized, approachable, humorous, and very interested in the course material. The course material was on engaging topics and prompted me to put extra effort into my work.

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

Perhaps move a bit more quickly through the material so we could cover more of it.

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

I liked it more for learning how to do podcasts than interacting with my writing & Whitman's poetry. Good assignment though.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

I liked the Wiki. It helped me generate ideas about Hemingway's stories and helped me practice my annotation skills.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

All assignments & readings were pertinent and I enjoyed them because I find the course material particularly engaging.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

Yes, I refined my writing skills and read some great novels. Expectations were met.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2000

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Brian Croxall

1. What were the strengths of this course and this instructor?
He is really interested in his material & wants to help his students.
2. How could the instructor improve this course?
More individual critiques of writing by professor.
3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?
Sure, it was relatively easy & forced us to read our assigned poems several times.
4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?
Sure, it made us practice close reading & helped us to learn new things about the text.
5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?
The paper with T. S. Eliot I found very helpful
Sorry I don't remember authors.
6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?
I expected to learn how to write/what is expected of a paper in a college class... I found out it simply depends on class and professor.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Croxall

1. What were the strengths of this course and this instructor?

The selected readings for the course were interesting and the instructor did a good job of encouraging in-class conversation.

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

Try to change up the constant "read then discuss" routine the course fell into.

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

Yes it did, it definitely made me view the poetry differently by reading out loud as this is something I wouldn't normally do.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

The wiki assignment was extremely helpful and effective. It was a great way to work collaboratively with other classmates.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

Of the readings, I thought Slaughterhouse-Five was the most interesting by far, so I like the idea of doing the podcast and wiki assignment on some of the other readings.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

I expected this course to cover a wide range of works on various wars and that is exactly what it did.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Brian Coxall

1. What were the strengths of this course *and* this instructor?

- The schedule we followed and the response paper assignments.

- The strengths of this instructor was his teaching style and his communication with students.

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

I think it is good as the way it is.

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

At first it was awkward, but at the third assignment I realized it really helped.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

Yes, it was very helpful in reading effectively and understanding minor details.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

I think podcasts were very interesting and response papers were the most helpful when writing an essay.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

Yes, I absolutely improved my writing and understanding of novels/anything I read.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section: _____

Instructor: Prof. Croxall

1. What were the strengths of this course *and* this instructor?

This course not only gave me a deeper understanding about war literature, but also gave me the tools to write a great college essay in general. The professor was very well organized and was very accessible if I needed help!

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

Talk a little bit more about common grammar mistakes

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

Yes! I loved the podcast aspect of this ~~entire~~ class

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

Yes! I liked how the wiki assignment was a collaboration of different students differing opinions about ~~many~~ literature.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

Although Gardner was slightly boring, her essays in "Writing About Literature" helped me with this class. I also really enjoyed Hemingway's short stories.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

To learn about war literature and make me a better writer.

Yes. I learned exactly what I wanted AND needed to!

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2009

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Coxall

1. What were the strengths of this course and this instructor?

instructor: enthusiastic about the material ~~is~~ taught, well prepared.
course: well organized; interesting topic (war).

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

make sure the students participate more

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

I did not understand the point of the podcast, as it did not help me with my writing.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

The wiki assignment is somewhat useful because it helps to view other's ideas and viewpoints on certain areas of the text that one does not always see

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

least interesting: reading ~~the~~ all of the poetry from Whitman
most useful: peer evaluation workshops.
most interesting: debate on Whitman's posit° of war

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

I did not have any expectation, ~~it~~ apart from lots of writing.
It was even overly met.

English Department
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Semester and Date: Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Croxall

1. What were the strengths of this course and this instructor?

there was a lot of ~~help~~ individual help for students,
~~a~~ a lot of class interaction.

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

Giving students more chances to talk about an essay
topic so they can share ideas.

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

not as much as I thought it would.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

It helped a lot with my paper
and it did give me a chance to learn how to be
more analytical.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

The exercise which the class got into
2 groups and battled ~~between~~
about Whitman's poetry.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

~~I~~ I didn't know what
to learn, but I learned something.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2002

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Brian Coxall

1. What were the strengths of this course *and* this instructor?

The course was very good for improving writing skills and honing an essay. The instructor was very adept at showing underlying concepts from books that we may not have noticed.

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

Perhaps make it a little more interactive - change up the class by class schedule a little.

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

I liked podcasting Whitman's poems. I thought it did help me see the tone and expression of his poetry. I didn't think it did anything for my writing but I liked it cause I'd never done a project like that.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

Yes, the wiki assignment helped me become more in depth with the reading.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why? I found Hemingway and the his reading and the exercises we did for his stories most helpful because there we really worked on picking apart stories not just analyzing meanings. I thought O'Brien was most interesting because I liked his book.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

My expectations were to improve on my writing essay by essay and thus far I have accomplished that goal.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section: 2298

Instructor: Croxall

1. What were the strengths of this course *and* this instructor?

Course: very interesting readings, improved my writing ability.
Instructor: very knowledgeable, good individual attention.

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

I don't know.

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

Speaking poetry was different for me and allowed me to understand the poems better.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

The wiki assignment was great for combining comments. Other than that it didn't do much for me.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

The novels were most helpful and interesting. Whitman and ~~the novels~~ Hemingway were most boring.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

My expectations were to help my writing a little. ~~My expectations~~
My expectations were ~~and~~ strongly exceeded.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

COURSE EVALUATION for English 101 and 181

Semester and Date: Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section 006

Instructor: Croxall

1. What were the strengths of this course and this instructor?

Course: Interaction because of the small class size.

Instructor: Willing to answer questions and meet with the students individually about
essays/
papers

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

Provide ^{more} ~~the~~ extra reading materials.

3. Which readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

Most readings are useful in understanding literature in general.

The wiki assignment is interesting because it ~~is a good way~~
~~of gathering different opinions~~ Serves as a database to
gather different opinions and is helpful for paper writing

4. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met?

To gain an interest in literature and learn how to write
strong college paper. Yes.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Brian Croxall

1. What were the strengths of this course *and* this instructor?

The course material was interesting.

The instructor was very encouraging and engaging, one of those professors that makes you want to do your very best because you look up to them.

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

Personally, the Gardener was completely useless. However I realize students enter with varying levels of aptitude, and so I suppose it was necessary.

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

Honestly, it was awkward. It did not help me engage in the material any more than I already had.

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

This was effective. It was interesting to see the different interpretations of the text.

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

Again, Gardener did not teach me anything new. Whitman and Hemingway both could have been explored more in depth.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to?

To gauge how prepared I was for writing college level papers. I ~~was~~ honed my craft a bit, but only through one-on-one interaction with professor. The class itself could have been more challenging.

English Department
Course Evaluation

Semester and Date: English 181 second Fall 2008

Course: English 181 Section: 006

Instructor: Dr. Coxall

1. What were the strengths of this course *and* this instructor?

Improving arguments, than ~~be~~ trying to look for creative ideas

2. How could the instructor improve this course?

N/A

3. What did you think of the podcast assignment? Did it help you engage in a new way with Whitman's poetry and with your writing?

~~I am doing this.~~

N/A

4. What did you think of the wiki assignment? Did it help you learn how to read literature more closely and effectively?

I found it helpful in realizing ~~what~~ I was thinking sound reasonable

5. What other readings, assignments, and/or exercises did you find most/least helpful and/or interesting and why?

I found them adequate amount.

6. What were your expectations for this course? Were they met? In other words, did you learn what you wanted or needed to? → Yes

I think I challenged myself through the course.