

**Developmental Communications 36A**  
**Fall 2013 – Section 3111 (T TH 5:15 – 6:40 PM)**  
**Location: CAI 228**

*Course Information and Requirements*

**Instructor:** John McMullen                      **Office Hours:** T TH 5:00 – 5:15 PM  
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**Course Description and Objectives:** This course introduces reading comprehension skills such as finding main ideas, drawing valid conclusions, making inferences, generalizing, and summarizing. It is intended to help students prepare for college-level coursework by developing and refining reading, study, and critical analysis skills.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Apply strategies for learning and using new vocabulary.
2. Analyze paragraphs and longer passages to identify main ideas, major and minor supporting details, and patterns of organization.
3. Apply study and reading strategies to improve academic performance.
4. Evaluate different types of writing to differentiate between facts and opinions to identify errors of reasoning.
5. Analyze and identify elements of narration.

**I. Required Materials:**

- Textbook: *Reading for Results, Twelfth Edition* by Laraine Flemming
- Novel: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- Collegiate Dictionary (and/or access to on-line dictionaries like [www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com))
- An email account

**II. Homework Assignments**

- A. **Reading Lab:** One hour per week independent reading lab assignments.
- B. Read all materials and do all exercises and written work as assigned.

**III. Attendance**

You may be dropped after three unexcused absences; it is your responsibility to call me if you cannot attend class. *You are responsible for everything that occurred during your absence.* It is up to you to contact a classmate or me for missed material. Arriving at class late, leaving early, and walking outside during class are unacceptable behaviors that distract others.

**IV. Grading**

- A. In-class participation, attendance, and completion of homework assignments will be considered during grading.
- B. There will be a quiz for each chapter we cover. **Missed quizzes cannot be made up.**
- C. You will write periodic short summaries of articles of your choosing, and you will share your summary in class.
- D. There will be a Midterm covering the material presented during the first half of the session. The Final will cover the material presented during the second half of the session and some selected material from the first half.
- E. **To pass the course, you must average at least 70% of the possible points listed below.. Failure to submit a book report will result in NO CREDIT.**

Lab – 39 points (3 points per hour) ▶	<b>The first 6 hours must be completed by Midterm</b>
Quizzes – 10 points each	Article Summaries – 50 points
Midterm – 150 points	Essay – 70 points
Final – 200 points	Portfolio-- 10 points/evaluation

**Basis of Grading: Credit/No Credit**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Class Activity</b>	<b>Homework Assignment</b>
Aug. 27	T	Introduction to course	
Aug. 29	Th	Assessment	
Sept. 3	T	Intro to Lab/Time Management	Article Summary #1
Sept. 5	Th	Chapter 1/ Vocabulary Tools	
Sept. 10	T	Chapter 1 continued	Article Summary #2
Sept. 12	Th	Chapter 2 (Ch. 1 quiz)	
Sept. 17	T	Chapter 2 continued / Dictionary	Article Summary #3
Sept. 19	Th	Chapter 3 (Ch. 2 quiz)	Vocabulary due
Sept. 24	T	Chapter 3 continued	Lab work due-4 hours Article Summary #4
Sept. 26	Th	Chapter 4 (Ch. 3 quiz)	
Oct. 1	T	Chapter 4 an 5	Article Summary #5
Oct. 3	Th	Chapter 5 continued (Ch. 4 quiz)	Article Summary #6
Oct. 8	T	Review	
Oct. 10	Th	Midterm Exam	
Oct. 15	T	Chapter 6 Discuss <i>F451</i> pages 1-31	Article Summary #7
Oct. 17	Th	Chapter 6 and 7 Discuss <i>F451</i> pages 32-68	
Oct. 22	T	Chapter 7 continued Discuss <i>F451</i> – pages 71-92	Article Summary #8
Oct. 24	Th	(Ch. 6 and 7 Quiz) Chapter 8	
Oct. 29	T	Chapter 8 continued Discuss <i>F451</i> – pages 93-130	Vocabulary due
Oct. 31	Th	Writing Project Discuss <i>F451</i> – pages 130-165	Lab work due-5 hours Article Summary #9
Nov. 5	T	In-class Draft Writing Project	
Nov. 7	Th	Chapter 9	Article Summary #10
Nov. 12	T	Chapter 9 continued	

Date		Class Activity	Homework Assignment
Nov. 14	Th	Chapter 10 (Ch. 8 and 9 quiz)	
Nov. 19	T	Chapter 11	Final draft of Short Story Report due
Nov. 21	Th	Chapter 12 (Ch. 10 and 11 quiz)	
Nov. 26	T	Chapter 12 continued	Vocabulary due
Nov. 28	Th	Thanksgiving NO CLASS	
Dec. 3	T	Review (Chapter 12 quiz)	Lab work due-4 hours
Dec. 5	Th	Review	
Dec. 12	Th	Final Exam 5:30-7:30	

\* F451 = Fahrenheit 451

**Classmates to contact if I'm absent or need a "study buddy":**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Your final grade in the class will be determined as follows:**

**Quizzes** (10 points each) = 80 points

Chapter 1	Learning Strategies	10 points	I earned (____) points
Chapter 2	Word Power	10 points	I earned (____) points
Chapter 3	General / Specific	10 points	I earned (____) points
Chapter 4	Find the point	10 points	I earned (____) points
Chapter 6/7	Supporting Details	10 points	I earned (____) points
Chapter 8/9	Inferences	10 points	I earned (____) points
Chapter 10/11	Patterns of Org.	10 points	I earned (____) points
Chapter 12	Tone and Fallacy	10 points	I earned (____) points

**Mid-Term** 150 points I earned (\_\_\_\_) points

**Essay**

First Draft	10 points	I earned (____) points
Peer Review	10 points	I earned (____) points
Final Draft	50 points	I earned (____) points

**Portfolio (includes Reading Journal, Vocabulary Work)**

Evaluation #1	10 points	I earned (____) points
Evaluation #2	10 points	I earned (____) points
Evaluation #3	10 points	I earned (____) points

**Article Summaries** (5 points each) = 50 points

1 5 points I earned (\_\_\_\_) points

2	5 points	I earned (____) points
3	5 points	I earned (____) points
4	5 points	I earned (____) points
5	5 points	I earned (____) points
6	5 points	I earned (____) points
7	5 points	I earned (____) points
8	5 points	I earned (____) points
9	5 points	I earned (____) points
10	5 points	I earned (____) points

<b>Lab (Independent Study)</b>	39 points	I earned (____) points
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<b>Final</b>	200 points	I earned (____) points
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<b>Total Points</b>	<b>619 points</b>	<b>I earned (____) points</b>
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***To pass the course, you must average at least 70% (or 433 points) of the possible points.***

***The Midterm, Final, and quizzes cannot be made up.***