

**syl-la-bus: n 1: a summary outline of a discourse, treatise, or course of study or of examination requirements
2: subject to change**

Chang / ENGL 281 B / Autumn Quarter 2011-12 / University of Washington

Wed 9/28
First Day of Classes

September						
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Week 1: September 26-30: Ed's Rules of Writing
Introduction to the Course
Amy Tan, Sherman Alexie, Shelley Jackson
Writing Challenge: Personal Essay/Literacy Narrative

Week 1 Writing
Challenge is required

Week 2: October 3-7: Workshopping, Exigence, Telling Details
John McPhee
Writing Challenge: Exposition

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Week 3: October 10-14: Playing With Language, Rhythm, Vocabulary
Langston Hughes, Patricia Smith, William Shakespeare
Writing Challenge: Poetry

Week 4: October 17-21: Precision, Concision, Decisions
Shirley Jackson, Annie Proulx, Ray Bradbury, "iYou"
Writing Challenge: Short-Short Story

Week 5: October 24-28: Claim, Research, Prospection
Michael Olmert, John McPhee
Writing Challenge: Research Proposal/Annotated Bibliography

Week 5 Writing
Challenge is required

Week 6: October 31-November 4: Evidence, Extra Sensory Communication
Anthony Bourdain, Ruth Reichl, Michael Ruhlman
Writing Challenge: Food Writing/Restaurant Review

Week 7: November 7-13: Sentence Length, Pace, Action
John McPhee
Writing Challenge: Sports Writing

Wed 11/11
Veteran's Day
Holiday

Week 8: November 14-18: Asking Questions, Getting Answers
John McPhee
Writing Challenge: Interview

Week 9: November 21-25: Argument
David Bartholomae, Tim Gunn, *Keywords*
Writing Challenge: Definition

Thur & Fri
11/26-11/27
Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 10: November 28-December 2: Opinion
Jeffrey Steingarten, *New York Times*
Writing Challenge: Editorial

Week 11: December 5-9: Revision, Assessment
Major Paper, Final Portfolio
Writing Challenge: Cover Letter

Week 11 Writing
Challenge is
required.

December						
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Week 12:
12/12 - Finals Begin, Final Paper & Portfolio Due

Week 13:
12/19 - Grades Due