



## Basic Course Information

Semester:	<b>Spring 2025</b>	Instructor Name:	Jay Lewenstein
Course Title & #:	SP25 - ENGL 105: Intensive Comp and Reading	Email:	<b>jay.lewenstein@imperial.edu</b>
CRN #:	<b>20884</b>	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	<b>301</b>	Office #:	
Class Dates:	<b>Feb. 10 to June 6</b>	Office Hours:	
Class Days:	<b>T-Th Lecture plus Lab</b>	Office Phone #:	(Engl Office:) 760-346-8041
Class Times:	10:15 AM to 12:20 PM - 1:00 to 2:25 PM	Emergency Contact:	
Units:	5	Class Format:	Face-to-Face (On Ground)

## Course Description

The standard course in freshman English. The course seeks to improve the student's ability to understand serious and complex prose and to improve the student's ability to write an exposition that is thoughtful and clear, including the production of a well-documented research paper. This version of freshman English incorporates a lab component to provide intensive instruction in reading, writing, research, and critical thinking skills to aid in student success. Limitation on Enrollment: Course not open to students with a C or higher in English 110. (CSU/UC)

## Student Learning Outcomes

ENGL 009 or ENGL 010 with a grade of "C" or better or appropriate placement based on AB 705.

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Compose college-level essays that contain clear thesis statements, effective support, and unified organization.
2. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines.
3. Demonstrate an ability to comprehend and interpret a variety of college-level texts, including complex arguments and at least one full-length novel, play, or non-fiction book, without relying on outside sources for assistance.
4. Develop essays that avoid sentence-level and grammatical errors

## Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Read and evaluate texts for relevancy, appropriateness, and accuracy.
2. Read model essays and the work of peers to identify strengths and/or weaknesses.
3. Read and ~~write~~ apply foundational writing skills including grammar and sentence structure. Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus- English 105: Intensive Comp. and Reading 2
4. Synthesize knowledge by relating texts to personal experience, to past and present events, and to other texts

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10. Demonstrate a command of writing patterns by effectively integrating various rhetorical modes, such as compare/contrast, definition, cause/effect, and argumentation together to produce sophisticated, collegelevel essays as appropriate;
  11. Demonstrate an ability to adapt writing strategies to the requirements of the writing situation (e.g. in-class writing, research writing, reflective writing) or to tailor a written assignment to address specific audiences (both general and academic);
  12. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of research strategies and library skills (including electronic databases) to identify and evaluate resources for a research paper; 2
  13. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines;
  9. Demonstrate a command of rules regarding plagiarism and academic ethics;
  10. Actively, using metacognitive strategies to monitor comprehension, build vocabulary, and improve analysis of college-level texts;
  11. Analyze the rhetorical context when reading by identifying genre, medium, purpose, audience and tone;
  12. Analyze and evaluate the strategies an author uses to make and support a claim, including the use of fallacies;
  13. Synthesize knowledge by relating texts to personal experience, to past and present events, and to other texts;
  14. Review and apply foundational writing skills including grammar and sentence structure;
  15. Read model essays and the work of peers to identify strengths and/or weaknesses; and 16. Read and evaluate texts for relevancy, appropriateness, and accuracy.

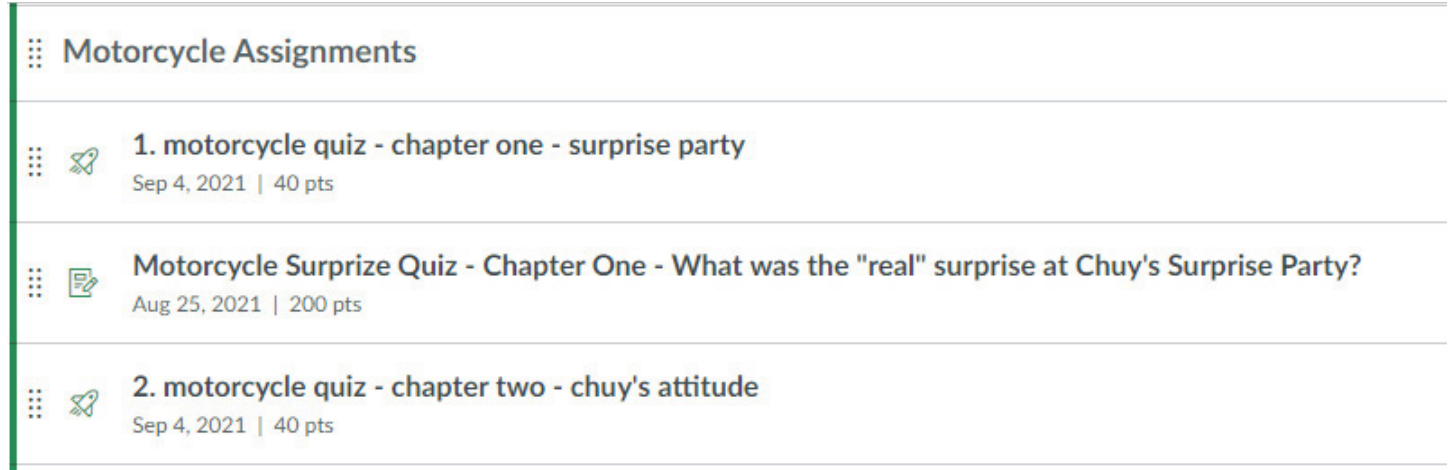
### Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

1. Title of Book: *Motorcycle on the Sea of Tranquility*. Author: Santana, Patricia. 13-digit ISBN Number: 978-0-8263-2436-8.

**Jay's Plagiarism Policy** -- Plagiarism is using someone else's words, original ideas, or data in your work of writing without giving proper credit or reference to the creator. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense. Any incident of plagiarism will result in failure for that assignment. Currently we are experiencing a major shift in society with the computer applications being labeled as "AI." While these applications can perform impressive things, they also have some severe limitations. They can be used as a helpful tool, but they should not be used to generate complete texts for assignments. I have seen many students attempt to do this and fail assignments, and even worse, it could be considered plagiarism. If you plan to use an "AI" devo help you, then you must log into a Zoom Office Hour to discuss your plans with me. Failure to do so could result in earning a zero grade for an assign

- \* **Motorcycle** assignments are listed in Canvas Modules and are expected to be completed outside of class.
- \* English 105 Final Exam will include reading response activity
- \* Please plan to read two chapters per week and complete corresponding quizzes and writing assignments.

They look like this:



The screenshot shows a list of assignments in a Canvas LMS interface. At the top, there is a section header "Motorcycle Assignments" with a hamburger menu icon to its left. Below this, there are three assignment entries, each with a hamburger menu icon, a rocket icon, a title, a date, and a point value:

- 1. motorcycle quiz - chapter one - surprise party**  
Sep 4, 2021 | 40 pts
- Motorcycle Surprize Quiz - Chapter One - What was the "real" surprise at Chuy's Surprise Party?**  
Aug 25, 2021 | 200 pts
- 2. motorcycle quiz - chapter two - chuy's attitude**  
Sep 4, 2021 | 40 pts

- **Deadlines and late work:** Be aware of deadlines. A short grace period of up to a few days for essays and some other assignments can be requested if I am contacted in advance of the due date with a reasonable explanation for the request. Expect ANY late work to be docked points. Don't expect work completed more than a few days late to be accepted. Keep in mind you can start almost any assignment much earlier than the due date.

### Major Assignments - Jay's Back-to-the-Future Sixties Research Project

\* Each week, you will see multiple assignments in your Canvas Modules under Jay's Back-to-the Future Sixties Research Project. They may look like this:

## JAY'S BACK TO THE FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECT

Film History Research Project - ANNOTATIONS - Introductory Assignment - Do This - Not This  
Mar 14 | 100 pts

Annotations - Make Your Annotations in Microsoft Word - Follow the Steps in This Instructional Video  
Mar 15 | 100 pts

Film History Research Project - ANNOTATION BINGO  
Mar 16 | 200 pts

Jay's "Back to the Future" Sixties Historical Research Paper -SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ARTICLE - 300 words - Follow Jay's Model for Marilyn Monroe- Reply to Two of Your Classmates.  
Mar 17 | 300 pts

\* All assignments are designed to help you meet the standards of the course.

You will see activities/exercises/assignments that will help you SUCCEED in your development of your sixties research paper. Like this: "Research Questions," "Freewrite," "Using Proquest," "Creating Summary," "Integrating Quotations," "Thesis Statements," "Topic Sentences," "Annotations," "MLA Documentation," etc.

Your work in these Canvas Assignments will TRANSFER nicely to your essay \* PLEASE NOTE: You will be graded for each individual assignment; and again, your work will be evaluated in your final draft.

## Jay's Back-to-the-Future Sixties Research Project Class Binder - REQUIRED




- \* All students will be REQUIRED to maintain Sixties Research Binder and bring it to each class section.
- \* The organization of your research materials will IMPROVE your writing and ELEVATE your grade in the class.
- \* I've scheduled FOUR major Binder Checks on Canvas through the duration of the project.
- \* I will also bring up spontaneous GRADE-BOOSTING opportunities for all those who bring their binder to class.
- \* TAKE THE POINTS!

## Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This class is focused on writing essays and reading. Information in the readings (and sometimes video lectures and interviews) serve as support for the essays. Largely what separates college writing from other types of writing is incorporating trustworthy information as core support of a thesis. Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement. This means to expect on average ten hours of homework per week for this 5-unit course.

### Jay's Tips:

NEATNESS COUNTS - On many if not most assignments, I will ask you to submit an image to support your writing. PLEASE LEARN TO USE THE SNIPPING TOOL - For example, you will need to show me proof of your submission on the Jamboard - Students will learn to use the Jamboard to submit NEAT and PROFESSIONAL images on Canvas. Like this:

<p><b>America was first introduced to the Beatles from their appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show - Feb. 9, 1964. When I say "America, I mean 73 million people.</b></p>	<p><b>So many people were tuned in between 8:00 and 9:00 that NYC police reported a dramatic reduction in crime during their appearance! -- J. Lewenstein</b></p>	
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\* **Jay's Note:** After the second week, I WILL NOT ACCEPT IMAGES THAT ARE NOT SNIPS!

\* If there is some type of computer compatibility problem, please contact me. We can NEGOTIATE!

\* For further help, seek your embedded tutor.

\*For more specific guidance go to your Canvas Modules - Student Orientation - Institutional Support. It will look like this:

☰ Institutional Support - Tutoring Help - Learning Center - Youtube - Snipping Tool

☰ 📄 English 105 - Course Resources - Required Books, Websites, Tutor Information

☰ 📄 Technology Support - J-Tube - Class Videos

☰ 📄 Jay's Classroom Facebook Page

☰ 📄 Snipping Tool - Jay's Beginner's Guide - Learn How to Use Snipping Tool to Improve Quality of Your Submissions

## Jay's GRADE-BOOSTING ACTIVITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS.

# FIND YOUR VOICE



**English 105 - Mr. Lewenstein - Spring 2023**

**FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE**

*Silence is Violence*

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

### 1. Participation in Classroom Facebook Page - Required

**Facebook will bring you all together for learning in ISOLATION. I'm hoping whatever we share on**

Below I list a few important Facebook benefits for your participation in our group:

- **Provide direct communication with instructor for best understanding of information.** contact each other
- **Allows shy students a way to communicate.**
- **Shy students who may not want to approach their teacher after class or during office hours can use Facebook to communicate.**
- **Facilitate classmate connections.** We experience this so often in our large classes that we wouldn't normally promote such intimacy and in smaller settings that regularly depend on that connection.
- **Make announcements.** Instructors can send out reminders about upcoming tests, upcoming due



## Jay's Tips:

- Please send me a membership request on Facebook by my Page this into your Facebook Search
- Here is the URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/811538576048785>
- Keep an Eye Open for EXTRA-CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES - Each week, I will try to provide a post
- My first student to participate in Facebook DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO YOUR comfortable CLASSMATES! This will be your page as much as mine!
- **LET'S WORK TOGETHER. THIS WILL BE GREAT. YOU WILL SEE.**

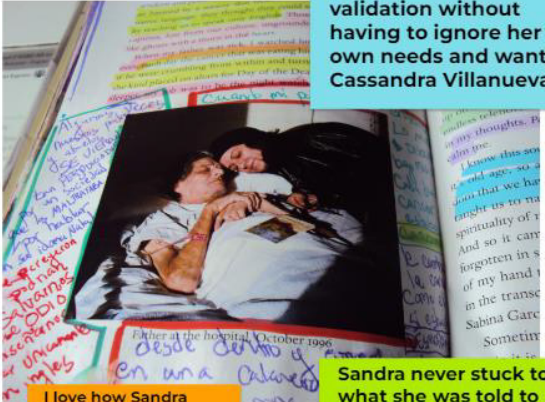
## 2. Jay's Jamboard - Required

### Sandra Cisneros - "Only Daughter"

Let's Jam with Sandra

Share a Sticker for your response to our reading

Jay's Note: Currently, I'm reading a Sandra Cisneros collection of stories and essays - Inside, I found this picture of Sandra and her father in his final days



I admire Cisneros for standing up for herself and doing what she wanted to do. She was able to gain her father's validation without having to ignore her own needs and wants. Cassandra Villanueva

After reading "Only Daughter" I was very relieved that her father finally acknowledged her work and gave her the attention she had always desired since she was a little girl. Caryn

I love how Sandra achieved her dreams. She didn't live her life to her father's expectations. Sandra followed her heart and received her father's validation after all her hard work and times of feeling lonely. Maria Murillo

Sandra never stuck to what she was told to do. Sandra was constantly told to stick to her household beliefs. Sandra went out of her way to reach her own goals but it was a challenge. Angela Guevara

I'm not sure Sandra's father is Sexist or Macho. He's more "Old-School." He wants the best for his daughter. He just doesn't know how to express himself - Arish A.

I appreciate the end of the essay. Sandra waited her entire life for her father to acknowledge her work. It is so cool that her stories bring Father and Daughter closer together when it really counts - Ana Lucia B.

### Jay's Note:

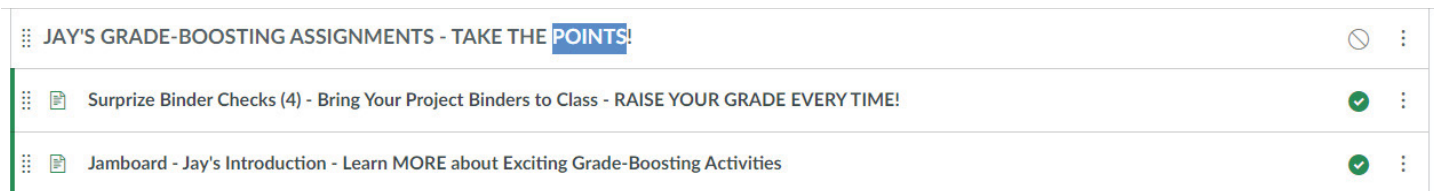
happy to be new. I said to you the same words. But, that's not what I wanted, after putting in the

work. I'm not sure whose fault it is or was -- but, Jamboard provides you with the opportunity to share what you have before you submit for the BIG GRADE. JAMBOARD WILL HELP BOTH TEACHER AND STUDENT SUCCEED. With Jamboard the following will happen:



- Your instructor will see you are on the right track before you submit your work on
- You can see what others are thinking and doing. Working together is more fun than working in isolation.

For more SPECIFIC DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS to access Jamboard, please go to your Canvas Modules - Student Orientation Section: "Jamboard - Jay's Introduction - Learn MORE about Exciting Grade-Boosting Activities." It will look like this:



## Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Grade Scale by % A: 90 - 100 B: 80 - 89 C: 70 - 79 D: 60 - 69 F: 0 - 59

Grading rubrics for major assignments like essays are posted on Canvas.

Points needed in order to earn an A grade: 7421 - 8245 points

Points needed in order to earn a B grade: 6596 - 7420 points

Points needed in order to earn a C grade: 5772 - 6594 points

Points needed in order to earn a D grade: 4947 - 5771 points

Points needed in order to earn a F grade: 4946 or fewer points

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## Course Policies

- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
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## IVC Student Resources

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materials. If you do not understand how to “cite a source” correctly, you must ask for help. • Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service. • Note that plagiarism results in a zero for any assignment and could lead to discipline by the college which could not only mean dismissal from the class but also permanent expulsion from IVC. A zero especially on a major assignment also makes it virtually impossible to pass the course. Yes, it’s easy to cut and paste text from the internet. You should be very aware that due to technology, detecting plagiarism is even easier for us. We don’t have to even look. The system alerts us. It highlights the copied text, even if some words have been changed. It shows us the URL on the web or the student paper it was copied from-- instantly! If there is any plagiarism, I give you a 100% guarantee that this technology shall find it, whether it’s from text on any page on the internet or another student’s paper. Of course there are no do-overs for a plagiarized assignment. Most students would never plagiarize. But that one or two who might will very easily be caught with zero effort on my part and will suffer consequences. (Note: If you are retaking this course, avoid self-plagiarism; that is, you will need to within reason hand in a substantially different essay even though it may be on the same topic as before. Any essay that is substantially the same as the student’s own previous work will be graded zero.) IVC Student Resources IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas. Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available. • CANVAS LMS. Canvas is Imperial Valley College’s main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: Canvas Student Login. The Canvas Student Guides Site provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853. • Learning Services. There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your Campus Map for the Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs; and the Study Skills Center. • Library Services. There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources. Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus • ENGL 105 • Composition & Reading • Fall 2021 Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar The most up-to-date class schedule is in Canvas, so see that information there in great detail. That information is available when the semester begins. • The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus during policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

## Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

**Estimados Estudiantes,**

**Prior to the beginning of the semester I've laid out your weekly assignment schedule**

**PLEASE NOTE: All work is \*\*\*Subject to change without prior notice\*\*\***

**\* I like to add assignments to meet student needs**

**\* Keep your eyes posted for SUDDEN EXTRA-CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES that may have not appeared at the beginning of the semester.**

**Please maintain contact information for your embedded tutors and library staff - you will see extra credit assignments to work with these resources outside of class.**

**\* Here is a Snip of our Canvas Schedule:**

Week One - Feb. 12 to Feb. 18 - Get On Your Motorcycle - Jay's Intro Week	✓ + ⋮
Jay's Week One Overview - Getting Started	✓ ⋮
JAY'S TIPS:	⊘ ⋮
Jay's Sixties Research Trip - Help for Choosing Your Sixties Research Paper Topic - Search These Websites	✓ ⋮
Sixties Project Binder - JAY'S ABSOLOUTE GUARANTEE TO ENGLISH 105 SUCCESS - Bring Your Binder to Every Class - FREE POINTS	✓ ⋮
Resources - Purchase Your Books - Get a Head-Start on a Great Semester	✓ ⋮
Create Your Own Canvas Picture File - REQUIRED - - Follow Jay's Step-by-Step Instructions	✓ ⋮
Jay's Classroom Facebook Page - REGISTER NOW - Pick Up IMPORTANT POINTS and INFORMATION	✓ ⋮
DISCUSSION BOARD - START EARLY - SUBMIT EARLY - BIG POINTS	✓ ⋮
Two Truths and One Lie - Discussion Board - Follow Jay's Models - Don't Forget to Reply to Two of Your Classmates! Feb 15   200 pts	✓ ⋮
"About Me" Page - DISCUSSION BOARD - Use Jay's Graphic Organizer - See Jay's Model - Introduce Yourself to Your Classmates Feb 18   200 pts	✓ ⋮
IN-CLASS GROUP ACTIVITY	⊘ ⋮
Only Daughter - Sandra Cisneros - Multiple Choice Quiz - Feb 16   60 pts	✓ ⋮
Only Daughter - Sandra Cisneros - Reading Response Paragraph - Submit Here for Individual Credit!	✓ ⋮

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