

ENG 103 Week 1 (9/12 – 9/19) Task List

CLASS TASK LIST / TO DOs – WEEK 1

****Complete each task or activity for our class by the deadlines listed below.**

Most activities are graded, marked with GRADED. Some like doing the reading, viewing the screencasts, clicking on links help you learn and understand (and complete the graded work).

****REMEMBER TO PACE YOUR WORK THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. YOU SHOULD DO ABOUT HALF OF THESE TASKS AT ONE TIME, for example, half the tasks from TUE. – THU. then the rest from FRI. – MON., at different days and times. Build a schedule that works for you. Our course is ‘asynchronous’ like many online courses in the 21st century, so you can have flexibility in doing the work. But you need to make time to do the work, which will take you several hours each week – in addition to the work of writing a Research Paper. It is not advisable (or even possible) to do all of the work in one sitting. Our online reading and activities add up to the equivalent of 3 hours of class time each week!**

• OVERVIEW / COURSE GUIDANCE THIS WEEK

TO DO

#1) View the [YouTube Video Lecture for an Overview](#) of Week 1 and Introduction to the Course.

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#2) Browse to eng103.lagcconline.com and explore the materials for our course for 10 – 15 minutes.

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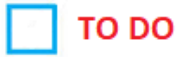
#3) View the [Course Syllabus](#) for a few minutes to understand the updated version of our course. It’s also covered in the Video Lecture.

TO DO

#4) ‘MAJOR’ ONLINE ACTIVITY – [Exploring Research Topics and Online Course Resources](#)

*****Every week we have a ‘Major’ Online Activity that helps you make progress on your Research Page. Many of these activities use hands-on guided exercises that let you learn how to do research. We’re starting this week with links that will help you explore and find a possible Research Paper topic.**

The first week's online activity will let you become familiar with the possible research topics for this class (which are grouped into 6 general areas), with over 60 topics. THESE TOPICS ARE POSTED ON OUR COURSE WIKI: eng103lagcc.pbworks.com



#5) Complete [Major Online Activity Week #1 -- Exploring Research Topics](#)

This task has you explore our wiki with Research Paper topics, doing light Internet research on several movies and books, then answering questions for credit.

It's important to do this exercise so that you can get familiar with the kinds of research paper topics that will fit our class.

On Google Forms – GRADED, DUE MON. 9/19 (11:59 pm)

- DISCUSSION BOARDS – forums103.lagcconline.com



#7) Post a 150-word response to the [Discussion Board forum](#) (Welcome Post with questions) for this week.

You will receive an e-mail with your login for the Discussion Boards.

Your User ID is the first letter of your first name plus your last name (or names), up to 12 characters. For example: 'John Smith' = jsmith

Your passcode is the last 4 digits of your CUNY Student ID.

This information will be e-mailed to you at the e-mail address that is on file at CUNYfirst. If you haven't received this e-mail, please e-mail me at eng103.lagcc@gmail.com ASAP so I can send you another copy!

On our Discussion Boards – GRADED, DUE MON. 9/19 (11:59 pm)

#8) (For extra help) Virtual office hours will usually be offered on Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm on Google Meet, so we'll have our first OPTIONAL session this week.

Here's the link:

<https://meet.google.com/vda-xwty-gjv>

These sessions are 'public' to our class and will let you communicate in 'real time,' mostly for questions. If you have specific questions, you can participate then, or if you want help more privately, please just send an e-mail to eng103.lagcc@gmail.com at any time.

You will receive an e-mail reminder each week for this virtual office hour. This is NOT a required 'class session,' but an extra chance for help beyond the 'asynchronous' materials we have for our course each week, just like in-person office hours.

On Google Meet – WED. 9/14, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (Optional, not Graded)