

June 5, 2009

Congratulations! You have been enrolled in College Composition 1 and College Composition 2 for the 2009-2010 school year. Chesapeake Public Schools requires summer reading for those taking these two Dual Enrollment courses. The following readings have been selected in order to prepare you for and to enhance the course work that lies ahead. That said, I want to give you your summer reading assignments personally before you leave for the start of your summer hiatus.

Your required summer readings include the following nonfiction works:

### **Essays**

***The Best American Essays of the Century*** by Joyce Carol Oates (ed.)

### **Nonfiction**

***Freakonomics*** by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

I strongly encourage you to purchase your own copies of each of these works (especially *The Best American Essays of the Century*) and to highlight and annotate (make notes and record reactions in the margins). You may buy these books from area booksellers or order them online. Copies of these texts are also available in area public libraries.

### **The Assessments**

1. Your first assessment will be due on the first day of class, Tuesday, September 8. From *The Best American Essays of the Century*, you will choose an essay from each decade and write a reader-response journal entry for each one.
  - First write a summary of the essay.
  - Then explain why you think the editors included it as one of the "Best American Essays of the Century."
  - Discuss what is uniquely "American" about each essay.
  - Explain what each essay says about American culture.
  - ***Your journal entries should be legibly handwritten and reflect your best writing style.***
2. During the first grading period of the school year, you will be evaluated on *Freakonomics*. This assessment will be explained at that time. As you read this book during the summer, take notes. Your notes will prove helpful in completing the project on this nonfiction work.
3. Additionally, these works will be referenced during the school year and will be the subject of further discussion where appropriate, so please be familiar with their content.

A caveat is in order here. ***Do not wait until the last minute to begin your summer assignments.*** Consider scheduled vacations and trips as well as summer employment commitments and plan accordingly. Allotting two weeks for each book should be a workable plan. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [morgarle@cpschools.com](mailto:morgarle@cpschools.com).

I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr. R. Morgan

## **Textbooks**

You *must* have your textbook on the first day of each course. (I suggest that you purchase both books before September 8.) Failure to purchase the texts may result in removal from the class.

You may purchase new textbooks at the TCC bookstore in MacArthur Center Mall or online at amazon.com or half.com; however, you do not have to purchase new books. You can purchase used books from the following sources

- the TCC bookstore in MacArthur Center Mall
- online at amazon.com or half.com
- from a graduating senior

I recommend that you first check with a graduating senior who wants to sell his or her books. (You will probably get a better deal than you would from the TCC bookstore.) Just make sure that the books that you purchase are in good conditions with their covers in tact. Otherwise, they are not worth much. Of course, you are free to purchase your textbooks from whichever source you choose, **provided that you purchase the correct edition of each text.**

The texts you will need are listed below.

### **College Comp I:**

***The Curious Writer, Concise Edition.*** Bruce Ballenger. Longman, 2007.

ISBN-10      0321437810  
ISBN-13      9780321437815

**DO NOT PURCHASE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION OF THIS TEXT.**

### **College Comp II:**

***Writing Arguments: Rhetoric with Readings, Brief Edition, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition.*** Ramage, Bean, and Johnson. Longman, 2007.

ISBN-10      0321412907  
ISBN-13      9780321412904