

Syllabus for English 1B: Critical Inquiry and Literature

Course Information

Semester & Year: Summer 2021
Course ID & Section #: V2123
Instructor's name: Ms. Shannon Mondor
Day/Time or *Online: ONLINE
Location or *Online: ONLINE
Number of units: 3

Instructor Contact Information

Office location: ONLINE
Office hours: There will be no regular office hours held during the summer, but time to meet individually on Zoom can be arranged as needed.
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Required Materials

(#1) Textbook Title: <i>Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail</i>
Edition: Vintage; Reprint edition (November 18, 2014), paperback
Author: Cheryl Strayed
ISBN: 978-1101873441
(#2) Textbook Title: <i>When They Call You A Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir</i>
Edition: Griffin; Reprint edition (January 14, 2020), hardcover or paperback
Author: Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele
ISBN: 978-1250306906
(#3) Textbook Title: <i>Citizen: An American Lyric</i>
Edition: Graywolf Press; 1 edition (October 7, 2014), paperback
Author: Claudia Rankine
ISBN: 978-1555976903

Catalog Description:

A course using literature as a basis for critical thinking and composition. Students analyze issues, problems, and situations represented in literature and develop effective short and long written arguments (6000 minimum word total) in support of an analysis. This course is designed for those students who seek to satisfy both the full year composition and the critical thinking transfer requirements.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (from course outline of record)

1. Write logical, well-developed, thesis-driven essays that respond to questions at issue raised by literary works.
2. Evaluate, use, and document evidence from primary and secondary sources to support, develop, or validate judgments.

Evaluation & Grading Policy

There are no plus or minus grades in this section of English 1B. There are no Ds awarded in this section of English 1B.

<u>Major Essay Grades and Final Course Grades</u>	<u>Point Values</u>
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
F	0-69

Your final course grade includes all the required reading and writing assignments as well as your preparedness, engagement, work ethic and study habits, contributions to discussion, and collaboration. Details about expectations and evaluation are provided later in the syllabus, on Canvas, and in specific assignment directions.

- **2 Extended Analysis papers: 1500-word essays on your choice of main texts** **40%**
 - EA #1 = 20%
 - EA #2 = 20%
- **Critical Reading, Writing, and Discussion Practices** **60%**
(All other shorter formal and informal reading and writing assignments such as freewriting, weekly reading meditations (RMs), weekly Short Analysis mini-essays (SAs), peer review, weekly group discussion, reflections, etc...)

Prerequisites:

English 1A

Special accommodations statement

College of the Redwoods complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. No last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments will be made. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability-related services and accommodations, please see me or contact [Disability Services and Programs for Students](#).

Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS based on their campus location:

- Eureka: 707-476-4280, student services building, 1st floor
- Del Norte: 707-465-2324, main building near library
- Klamath-Trinity: 530-625-4821 Ext 103

Student Access

These standards are required by federal regulation. Students will have access to this course that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and College of the Redwoods policies. Course materials will include a text equivalent for all non-text elements; videos will include closed captioning, images will include alt-tags, hyperlinks will use descriptive/meaningful phrases instead of URLs and audio files will include transcripts. All text will be formatted for use with screen readers and all course materials will be understandable without the use of color.

Students who discover access issues with this class should contact the instructor.

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IDENTIFYING AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

- **Course meets:** (V2123) **ONLINE** in Canvas starting Tuesday, June 1 through 11:59 PM Thursday, July 22.
- **Instructor:** Ms. Shannon Mondor
- **Email:** shannon-mondor@redwoods.edu
- **Office Hours:** Please email me with questions. I can hold individual conferences in Zoom if you would like.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS (All are available at the online CR Bookstore & Amazon.com):

Required Texts (See links to these books on Canvas):

Here's the link to the required books at the CR Bookstore (prices may vary from what's listed):

https://bncvirtual.com/vb_buy2.php?ACTION=chooseAdoptions&CSID=AJSDOBMSWOSDQDTMTOATM2SOB **Be sure to purchase the correct version of the texts so that our page numbers will match.

1. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed (\$12), **Paperback:** 336 pages, **Publisher:** Vintage; Reprint edition (November 18, 2014), **ISBN-13:** 978-1101873441.
2. *When They Call You A Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele (\$13), **Paperback:** 288 pages, **Publisher:** Griffin; Reprint edition (January 14, 2020), **ISBN-13:** 978-1250306906.
3. *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine (\$12), **Paperback:** 160 pages, **Publisher:** Graywolf Press; 1 edition (October 7, 2014), **ISBN-13:** 978-1555976903.

All other course texts, videos, and readings will be made available via Canvas.

Required Materials and Attitude:

- **Daily access to a computer and the Internet** (Be prepared to access Canvas regularly.)
- **An active CR email account** that you check regularly for messages and announcements.
- The ability to post/submit **Microsoft Word** compatible documents or .pdfs.
**Students can obtain a free [Office 365 license](#) (includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more) with a valid CR email address.
- A **USB Flash drive** for archiving your work. Back up all your files in a few different ways—email, Google Drive, Canvas, keeping paper copies, the flash drive, etc... Develop a good naming system so you can find the appropriate files when needed.
- Dedicated chunks of **time** set aside in your weekly schedule/planner to devote to completing the work of our class—doing work each day will help prevent you from feeling overwhelmed when facing the two due dates for submitting work each week.
- A **growth mindset**, which will allow you to take risks, try new things, and stretch your abilities through experimentation, dedication, commitment, trial & error, feedback, and reflection. You can do this. I believe in you. You need to believe you can succeed in this course as well, especially when it gets tough.
- Willingness to ask questions, offer insights and observations, think out loud, write in your books, share ideas still in process, and figure out where you stand on issues through class discussion and writing. **Be present and engaged.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OVERVIEW:

Students will develop and refine their abilities to read critically and to recognize and recreate the qualities of effective writing appropriate for the college level. Students will produce writing based on observation, experience, discussion, analysis of texts and readings, reflection, and research. Students will analyze and produce diverse genres, with attention to how reading and writing strategies and techniques may be used to achieve intended purposes in different rhetorical situations. Students will develop skills associated with the collaborative nature of writing and critique, which will include understanding writing as a recursive, rhetorical, and social process. Meta-cognition and reflection form the core elements of this course, since they deepen our insights and critical abilities with language. Active and informed participation of all students is essential to our work. Lectures will be scarce, nonexistent really, so come prepared to engage, debate, think deeply, and discuss a variety of perspectives. Ideally, students in this course should form a community of supportive, engaged writers who take responsibility for learning, who make appropriate and effective rhetorical choices, who compose strong, relevant arguments featuring analytic claims supported with credible evidence and intended rhetorical appeals, and who are committed to improving each other's writing and thinking.

We will need to be gentle, kind, and respectful to each other as we examine the sensitive issues covered by our course texts (everything from drug use to loss of a loved one to cancer to fear of sexual assault to microaggressions to systemic racism to mental illness to abuse by police and/or prison guards to racelighting and beyond—you get the idea), but we will also need to push beyond our comfort zones to achieve new intellectual and empathetic insights. It is okay to feel uncomfortable as we navigate these conversations; that discomfort and uncertainty is an expected and important part of learning and challenging ourselves in new ways that will ultimately foster deeper compassion, awareness, and understandings of complex experiences regarding individual and group aspects of identity and how a sense of place and entitlement or access to spaces can both limit and/or enable who we are and who we think we can become. Taking risks can lead us all to valuable new insights, perspectives, and relationships, so I encourage you to be brave and participate as thoughtfully as possible. College is the place to hone these skills, where critical analysis and credible information is key to making and supporting sound arguments about issues that matter in our daily lives.

Our inquiry this semester has very real consequences for ourselves and for our society: what sense we make of each other's connections to and beliefs about family, gender, sexuality, racial and ethnic identities, citizenship, and other social positionalities will form the stuff of our analysis and discussions about our texts. What we achieve on these fronts will largely depend on our individual and collective willingness to listen, hear, learn, sit with discomfort, and confront our own experiences and preconceptions of what these texts mean and why they are important. I invite you to embrace what I expect will be a difficult and challenging process of questioning, learning, and discovery. There is room for each person to arrive at his or her own conclusions, and where each one of us ends up at the end of this summer semester will depend on where we're starting and how vulnerable and open we are willing to allow ourselves to be throughout this learning process as we interpret the arguments, experiences, and events in our course texts and come to understand how the ideas conveyed by the authors connect to our own experiences and values and the country we ultimately want America to be. There are many significant questions at issue raised by these texts to guide our inquiry.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

In college classes, for every hour spent in class, students should expect to spend a minimum of 2 hours working outside of class. For this 3-unit, 6-hour per week class, expect to spend **at least** 12 additional hours reading and writing to earn an average grade. Yes, a summer class is intense. Please dedicate enough time in your schedule to succeed in meeting the requirements. Plan to hit the ground running and not stop for the next 2 months. Earning excellent grades will likely involve investing more time and effort than the minimum.

Major assignments for English 1B include:

- Reading and taking notes on the 3 required books with dedication, focus, and care.
- 6 weekly informal Reading Meditations (RMs)—notes of what you take away from your reading
- 8 weekly small group discussions due every Thursday (and ongoing through Sunday)
- 6 weekly Formal Short Analysis mini-essays (500 words due every Sunday)
- 1 Formal Short Analysis Reflection (750 words due the final day of the course)
- Extended Analysis #1: 1500-word essay on a key idea or argument in one of the first two books we read: *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* or *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*.
- Extended Analysis #2: Choose one of 3 options 1) a new 1500-word essay on a topic inspired by any of the three books not covered in your EA #1, (*Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, *When They Call You A Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, or *Citizen: An American Lyric*), 2) writing a creative Sense of Place essay that makes an argument similar to or inspired by one of our course texts, or 3) adding outside research to EA #1 by compiling a 5 entry annotated bibliography and expanding EA #1 by at least 500 words.
- Active, engaged, regular, thoughtful, and informed participation in class activities such as reading, taking notes, writing, reflecting, discussion, and collaborative work.
- Peer Response Groups: respectful guided small group critique of rough drafts of EA #1 & EA #2.

Meeting Deadlines:

Due Dates for assignments will be available on Canvas: Assignments will be due Thursday and Sunday of each week. Assignments need to be posted to the appropriate Canvas location (in that week's module, the assignments link, or a discussion) by 11:59 PM on the due date. Though Canvas will mark assignments late if posted after 11:59, if they are submitted before 11:59 pm the next day, I will not consider them late or take away any points (you have a 24-hour grace period built in to both weekly submission deadlines).

Missing weekly discussion deadlines will result in the inability to submit a post or earn those points once the 24 hour grace period expires.

All other assignments will be closed to submissions one week after the deadline. No assignments can be submitted more than one week after the due date or once the assignment submission window has been closed unless you work that out with me by requesting special accommodations (preferably in advance of missing the due dates, not backtracking). Feedback may not be provided on late work.

You basically have **one** extra week to submit assignments other than group discussion posts and responses with no late penalty. The one-week grace period cannot be used for a rough draft of an Extended Analysis, a peer review session, or any of the final week assignments. The grace periods are a No Questions Asked (NQA) system. Just post a comment under where your assignment should be saying you need more time, or let me know in an email that you'd like more time to work on something, and you get an extra week to turn it in. I might put a zero in the grade, but will change it to the grade you earn after you submit the assignment.

Please communicate with me before due dates to request extensions or alternate due dates should the need arise to submit work more than one week late. For students current on course work, occasional extensions may be provided. Decisions will be at the discretion of the instructor and will be made on an individual basis.

Expectations—Stay on top of your work:

Extensive independent reading and writing will be necessary for this class. I expect you to have your own copy of the books, to write in your books, take notes while you read, have something to say or ask about the readings in your own reading meditations and small groups, and to look up words and references you don't know yet or understand to help you really get what's going on in the reading. I also expect you to bring questions about what you want to understand more fully to your conversations with classmates.

Coming online prepared and having done active reading and reflection about the ideas that stand out to you is important to make the most of our limited time together. Doing this work online in 8 weeks takes a tremendous amount of self-motivation. Build in accountability and a solid study schedule to keep yourself on track. Use Pronto (a quasi-social media type chatting feature built into Canvas with video options) for casual, informal connections with your peers who happen to be online when you are or make plans to meet up there.

Students are responsible for keeping up with the class, for being prepared, for knowing when things are due, for following the schedule and syllabus policies, for asking questions about things they don't understand, and for contributing to an energetic and respectful learning community. Your contributions will help create the vibe and community of our class. By enrolling in this section of English 1B, you are committing to meeting our course goals and must be willing to participate in the activities, assignments, and techniques involved. Don't just take up space or check items off a to-do list: learn and grow. Put your stamp on our learning space.

Genuine learning often involves discomfort with new and unfamiliar ideas and processes—expect to think deeply about challenging, complex issues that do not have simple answers. You must be willing to think critically about the topics covered in our course texts. Expect to stretch your intellectual, human, and rhetorical capabilities. I will be pushing you into unfamiliar territory as a matter of intentional design. How much you learn and how much your writing, reading, and critical thinking improve will depend on the intensity of your commitment, your willingness to interact and collaborate with each other, and your sincere engagement in academic and personal inquiry and reflection.

Members of this class are expected to show basic respect and tolerance for each other, but it is my hope you come to recognize and enjoy each other's unique strengths, quirks, and gifts as things to celebrate. We will undoubtedly hold and explore different views, but that should not prevent us from listening to and learning

from each other in a respectful space that can embrace a wide variety of equally good and diverse ideas. Figuring out where we stand on issues and why is a foundational element of this course, of college, and of life. Sharing that with others makes our own commitments all the richer, deeper, and more informed.

Please conduct yourself in a respectful, professional manner appropriate for a college classroom. Students whose behavior becomes disruptive or disrespectful will have offensive posts removed. Repeated violations will result in being asked to leave the course. We will be communicating online, but a college classroom has very different norms and expectations than open online forums where trolling and insults can take the place of respectful and reasonable discussions. Please focus on interrogating ideas, not people, and keep your attention on reason—credible claims and evidence—over emotions. Give yourself space and time to be sure what you want to say is kind, respectful, and clear, and express yourself in rational and reasonable ways.

Your essays in this class (the EAs) will go through a scaffolded process, not just be a one-shot deal you jam out the night before something is due. The small pieces you complete each week will be building blocks for your Extended Analyses, so each part of the process helps you develop and strengthen ideas for the final product. Commit to revising writing over time as your thinking and understanding of each book develops and deepens.

Every time I ask you to read something, I am expecting you will do so with a pen in hand, ready to underline things, take lots of notes, and actively process the information on three levels:

1) **What is literally happening?** —Get the basic gist of the facts, events, and summary of the assigned chunk of reading on your first read through. On your next read through, take note of the next levels so that you'll have something to write about in your discussions, your reading meditations, your short analyses, and your essays.

2) **What's happening rhetorically and stylistically?** —What choices did the writer make to create the effects this text is having on me and other readers? Who is the audience? How is the text put together? Why is it written in this particular way? What is the purpose of these specific choices?

3) **So what? Who cares? What's happening on the analytical or critical level?** Why bother? What does it all mean? Why is this text significant? Why does this text matter? What questions, insights, or understandings does this text make possible? What does this text help people understand about themselves, each other, our relationships, our world? How does reading this help someone grow? What does it teach, make us think or wonder about, or reveal? What could or should a reader take away?

Formal Assignment Format:

Formal assignments you attach as downloadable documents should be typed using a standard 12-point font (Times, Calibri) with one-inch margins. Single spaced paragraphs are fine, as long as you skip a line between each paragraph to provide white space. Use a single-spaced heading that includes your name, the instructor's name, the course number, the assignment, the date, and the word count. Please type this heading on the **left side** of the first page of every assignment you attach. The heading does not need to be inside a header.

Example Heading: Student Name
Ms. Shannon Mondor
English 1B
Extended Analysis #1—Wild
June 19, 2021
Word Count: 1523

Informal assignments such as freewrites or discussion posts that you complete do not need this heading, but *most assignments do need to feature a word count*. Don't waste time counting the words yourself. Find the feature in your word processing program that tells you how many words are in your document. Include it in parenthesis as part of your post either at the beginning or end.

Canvas: How this class works

Our course will be organized by 8 weekly modules where you will be able to read explanations of your assignments, post assignments, participate in discussions, access copies of documents, and explore additional resources and links related to our course material. As each week passes, I will move that module to the bottom, so that the current module is always the first thing you see when you log in. The course is asynchronous, which hopefully allows you to complete the work around your competing life commitments as it's most convenient, within a regular framework of submitting assignments twice each week.

Your work will generally be due in two weekly installments—every Thursday and Sunday expect to post several assignments by 11:59 PM. Only accessing course material on the days assignments are due will not be enough to allow you to prepare the work in a quality manner or to engage in regular communication and collaboration with your peers, who are the main source of discussion about the texts we're reading. Dive in to the to-do list early every Monday morning. Post work early if possible. Expect and allow lag time for conversations to develop asynchronously. Check back periodically every so often to read posts and respond as ideas come to you. Set aside chunks of time to focus on your active role in the learning space.

Each module will be divided in to three main sections 1) resources you need for the week's work featuring a to-do list and announcements 2) assignments due Thursday, and 3) assignments due Sunday.

I will post an announcement each Monday morning around 9 am detailing what work is due, when it is due, and providing any important instructions about how to complete your assignments. I'm expecting students to log in each Monday to preview and assess the weekly assignments, ask questions early about anything that's not clear, and make an individual reading plan to break up the work into manageable chunks so that it can be submitted on time. The first weekly assignments will need to be submitted by 11:59 every Thursday, then another batch will be due by 11:59 pm on Sunday.

I will read and respond to email pretty much every day (including weekends) between 8 and 10 am. I will also check periodically throughout the day at a few other times to answer your questions as soon as possible to help facilitate your progress on assignments. Questions that come in a panic late on Thursday or Sunday nights

will not likely get answers before your deadlines, so please plan ahead and leave time for communication to happen in our asynchronous environment. I don't plan to be available to answer questions after 5 pm.

Every week, from the very first week, plan to spend 2-3 hours on this course each day: expect to read and take notes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, freewrite and complete work and assignments on Wednesday and Thursday, submit all work that's due Thursday, re-read and review Friday and look at new posts from peers Friday and Saturday, and then submit your own remaining work and assignments on Sunday. It's a lot of work, but cramming a semester into 8 short weeks online means you'll need to be doing something pretty important related to this course essentially every day of June and July.

I will update grades every week, which will allow you to keep track of your progress. I will use rubrics for most assignments. Reading the rubric grading categories and descriptions before and while producing your work will help you focus on what's important and be sure you cover what you will be evaluated on. Zeroes will damage your grade severely. It is always better to submit some work, even if it's not perfect or complete, than skip entire assignments. I will generally grade shorter assignments within a week. Extended Analysis feedback and grades will take me about two weeks.

Preferred Name in Canvas:

Students have the ability to have an alternate first name and pronouns to appear in Canvas. Contact [Admissions & Records](#) to request a change to your preferred first name and pronoun. Your Preferred Name will only be listed in Canvas. It does not change your legal name in our records. See the [Student Information Update form](#).

Canvas Information

Log into Canvas at <https://redwoods.instructure.com>

Password is your 6 digit birth date

For tech help, email its@redwoods.edu or call 707-476-4160

For password issues with Canvas, Web Advisor or your mycr.redwoods.edu email, contact its@redwoods.edu or call 707-476-4160 or 800-641-0400 ext. 4160 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Grading Policy and Criteria:

This class does not have plus or minus grades. Students must earn a final grade of 69.5 percent or above to pass the class. No Ds are awarded as a final course grade for this section of English 1B.

<u>Extended Analysis Grades and Final Course Grades</u>		<u>Point Values</u>
A	(Exceeds expectations in all areas)	90-100
B	(Exceeds expectations in some areas)	80-89
C	(Meets minimum expectations)	70-79
F	(Does not meet expectations)	0-69

Your final course grade includes all the required reading and writing assignments as well as your preparedness, consistency, participation, collaboration, contributions to discussion, and peer response. Details

of assignments in each category are on Canvas. More details about assignments, expectations, and procedures are provided in individual assignment directions.

- **2 Extended Analysis papers** (1500-word essays on your choice of main texts) **40%**
 - EA #1 20%
 - EA #2 20%
- **Critical Reading, Writing, and Discussion Practices** **60%**
(All other shorter formal and informal reading and writing assignments such as freewrites, weekly reading meditations (RMs), Short Analysis (SA) posts, peer review, group discussion, participation, etc...)

Participation Requirements:

Students who do not submit an introductory discussion post by 11:59 on Thursday, June 3 without contacting the instructor will be dropped. Students who go missing and do not submit any work for more than one entire weekly module may also be dropped for non-participation. Communicate any planned extended absence from course participation or assignment submission so that I know you're not AWOL or have suffered some kind of tragic accident. I don't need details or a justification, just a date you plan to return and resume your work.

Chronic lack of preparedness or a pattern of not completing or submitting work on time will reduce your progress and achievement substantially. Being ready to post and share your work on time, with the reading done carefully and your writing assignments complete, is a crucial aspect of being successful in this course.

Participation is evaluated as part of your course grade on a weekly basis through two main activities due each Thursday: independent writing and annotations about the readings I'm going to call "Reading Meditations" and small group discussions where you have freedom to ask each other questions, share observations, work through tough parts of a text, figure out what a tricky quote means, share your take on a rhetorical, stylistic, or point of interpretation, etc...The goal of these small group discussions is not to try to sound like the smartest person in the class or on earth, but to discuss, explore, wonder, and help each other notice important aspects of the texts and to help each other figure things out. There is no pressure to have it all understood yet, just to participate and generate meaning and ideas together. Have a conversation about what you're reading so that by talking about it, you come to new understandings and insights.

To earn **weekly small group discussion forum** points, a student must post on time (by 11:59 on Thursday), having read and thought about assigned reading or writing, and contribute in positive ways to the conversation, including asking clarifying questions about confusing parts of the reading. Up to six points are earned by the initial 150-word post, and four additional points are earned for responding to at least one classmate (by 11:59 on Sunday) in a 75-word post and truly extending the conversation to help each other arrive at insights about the reading, not merely saying that you agree or the person brought up a good idea. You can earn up to two extra credit points each week by responding to more than one peer in additional 75-word posts. Earn 1 extra point for each extra post.

Informal **Reading Meditations (RM)** will be due each Thursday. These will look different for each person, but the purpose is to archive your thoughts and reactions during your reading so that you are collecting material and evidence to help build more formal analysis about the text. These will need to show me what you think

about the reading, what's confusing, what's alien, what's connecting to your own experience, what stands out for whatever reason. Think of it as a reading journal that does not need to make sense to anyone but you: record whatever is going to help you write about something significant in the text later—quotes, recurring imagery, style, character development, lessons, insights, claims and evidence, points of resistance, etc...I'll have a few options and templates for you to formulate these assignments, or you can come up with your own system. The goal is to harvest material in a place where ideas can percolate and grow and become fuel for your conversations and writing assignments.

These two weekly activities due Thursday are a way to keep you on pace with the course. They'll also help you get ready and develop ideas for the more formal work due every Sunday and for the extended analysis essays.

Other Important Matters:

Write for a Public Audience: All graded writing done for this course should be of a public nature, meaning that you should feel comfortable sharing it with your peers, the instructor, and a wider public audience. Expect your writing to be read and responded to in diverse ways by a variety of readers. The instructor is not the only person who will read your work in this class. Your peers are an important audience and source of feedback on your work. You can tell who can see your assignments by paying attention to the icons in Canvas. Anything you post to a discussion can be viewed by other students. All work submitted for credit in this class must have been created **expressly and exclusively** for this course. Unless you stipulate otherwise, I may use work produced in this class for professional or pedagogical purposes (as anonymous examples for future students or in professional conference presentations).

Get Connected: If you have questions or comments about the course, please share them with me. If you send an email, identify yourself by your name and the class section you are in and provide a context for your question or message so that I have enough information to give you a solid answer. Email is the best way to communicate with me. I check it daily. It may take me up to 24 hours to respond, especially if your question is complex, so please be patient. Please make it a habit to follow professional Netiquette in our electronic communications. Please also do not apologize for asking me questions or communicating with me. That is my job and my whole reason for being here in this course. I *want* to explain things in a way you understand and I absolutely welcome your questions, feedback, suggestions, and ideas.

I am open to negotiate *some* course policies and due dates, but you should communicate with me in a timely manner in order for that to happen. Asking for extensions or different arrangements in advance is always better than missing deadlines and trying to get back up to speed. It's very tricky to complete worked you've missed and also keep up with current work coming your way. Most of the time, if you are in a very deep hole, I will suggest leaving the missed assignments behind so you can concentrate fully on what's ahead of you.

Stay Connected: Check Canvas regularly for course updates and for links to course information, including handouts and readings. Activate your CR email account and check it several times each week, including the days we don't have work due. Set up notifications so that they work for you. Add the Canvas app to your phone. Don't hesitate to send an email whenever you have a question. I don't want confusion or lack of clarity or a concern about you hogging too much of my time to slow you down or keep you from producing your best

work. Also, seek connections with your peers! They are in this with you, and communicating outside of formal channels or assignments can be really helpful. You can email anyone or everyone in the class by using the Canvas Inbox. The “people” tab can let you find and communicate with each other more easily. Forming your own informal online study groups might be a lifeline. Check out Pronto’s capabilities, too.

Academic Honesty:

Turning in work you did not produce will not help you grow intellectually, nor will it satisfy the requirements of the course. Any student who submits work that is not his or her own or work that has not been written expressly and exclusively for this course will fail the assignment. Please do not find existing writing online and copy and paste these words or ideas into your own work you’re submitting for credit. Do not submit assignments that your friends produced last semester for their English classes. Do not submit work you wrote last semester for another class. Do not submit as yours work you think is especially awesome another student has posted in this class. I will not award points or credit to work that’s not yours or to work that’s already earned you credit for another course. The first time it happens, I’ll give you a zero on the assignment. Depending on the severity of the offense, you could ultimately face more serious disciplinary action from the college—sometimes people get expelled from college for plagiarizing. It’s serious business.

Learning how to blend others’ voices into your own work is an important academic skill that you will use in this course and throughout your academic and professional careers. English 1A should have devoted class time to proper MLA documentation and citation of sources. But MLA changes its rules every 4-5 years, and just did so most recently in April of 2021. Ask me if you’re unsure of how to bring ideas into your writing in a way that is credible and responsible. I’m happy to help you become good at this part of writing in the academic world.

****Sources included in writing produced for this class must be documented, whether sources have been required as part of the assignment directions or not. Be responsible. Have integrity. Cite all outside information you did not write yourself—otherwise it cannot be used in your work. Writing that includes unattributed passages of other people’s work will not earn credit. My brain is unique in that I remember extremely well what I read—I sometimes forget why I walked into a room and what I was trying to retrieve, but I always know when I see a string of words that I’ve already seen in print. It’s not exactly a super power, but it does make me upset and disappointed when quotation marks are missing when they are needed.**

www.Turnitin.com: Each major writing assignment (EA #1 and EA #2) will be automatically sent to Turnitin.com, which is a website that vets your work for authenticity and plagiarism. This service will identify every spot where outside words have been used in your work as well as links to the original websites containing them, whether cited properly or not. Don’t be afraid of this tool. I can often tell when another voice enters your work without its assistance, as I read very carefully all the work you produce all semester long. You will have a style and voice that should be consistent and sound like you—not like professional or published writers who have also analyzed our course texts and topics. Do your best to think for yourself. Don’t cave to pressure or try to find something brilliant online. I am most interested in hearing what you think and how you interpret and relate to the course material. There is no substitute for that.

Final Exam Policy / Plans:

Summer session does not have a special final exam week. Your final Extended Analysis (#2) and Reflective Short Analysis (#8) will be due on the last day of class, which is a Thursday (not Sunday like you might expect). **No work will be accepted for credit after 11:59 PM on Thursday, July 22.**

Institutional Policies and Support Services:

Student Support Services

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

- [CR-Online](#) (Comprehensive information for online students)
- [Library Articles & Databases](#)
- [Canvas help and tutorials](#)
- [Online Student Handbook](#)

[Counseling and Advising](#) offers academic support and includes academic advising and educational planning

Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students

- [Academic Support Center](#) for instructional support, tutoring, learning resources, and proctored exams.
- [Library Services](#) to promote information literacy and provide organized information resources.
- Multicultural & Diversity Center aka the MDC with Alia Dunphy at the helm
- Math Lab & Drop-in Writing Center (Zoom in for a writing conference)

Special programs are also available for eligible students include

- [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services \(EOPS\)](#) provides financial assistance, support and encouragement for eligible income disadvantaged students at all CR locations.
- The TRiO Student Success Program provides eligible students with a variety of services including trips to 4-year universities, career assessments, and peer mentoring. Students can apply for the program in [Eureka](#) or in [Del Norte](#)
- The [Veteran's Resource Center](#) supports and facilitates academic success for Active Duty Military, Veterans and Dependents attending CR through relational advising, mentorship, transitional assistance, and coordination of military and Veteran-specific resources.
- Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR KT Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821
- The [Honors Program](#) helps students succeed in transferring to a competitive four-year school.

Students who have experienced extenuating circumstances can complete & submit the **Excused Withdrawal Petition** to request an Excused Withdrawal (EW) grade instead of the current Withdrawal (W) or non-passing (D, F & NP) grades. The EW Petition is available from the Admissions and Records Forms Webpage. Supporting documentation is required.

[Academic dishonesty](#)

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

[Disruptive behavior](#)

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

[Gender-Inclusive Language in the Classroom](#)

College of the Redwoods aspires to create a learning environment in which all people feel comfortable in contributing their perspectives to classroom discussions. It therefore encourages instructors and students to use language that is gender-inclusive and non-sexist to affirm and respect how people describe, express, and experience their gender. Just as sexist language excludes women's experiences, non-gender-inclusive language excludes the experiences of individuals whose identities may not fit the gender binary, and/or who may not identify with the sex they were assigned at birth. Gender-inclusive/non-sexist language acknowledges people of any gender (for example, first year student versus freshman, humankind versus mankind, etc.), affirms non-binary gender identifications, and recognizes the difference between biological sex and gender expression.

ENGLISH 1B Summer 2021: Semester at a Glance

**An abbreviated tentative schedule of assignments and readings is here. Details and directions are available on Canvas. I will also publish a GoogleDoc called "English 1B Summer 2021 Semester at a Glance" and keep it updated with the very latest assignments as we progress through the course. The address will be linked within Canvas.

Week 1: Tuesday, June 1- Sunday June 6 (course begins at 9:00 am 6/1/21)

Reading *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* from pp. ix to 115 (Parts 1 & 2). Group discussion, reading meditation, short analysis due. First week freewrites due. Reading course syllabus, orientation letter, and assignment directions.

Week 2: Monday, June 7 – Sunday, June 13

Reading *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* from pp. 117 to 311 (Parts 3,4, & 5). Group discussion, reading meditation, short analysis due.

Week 3: Monday, June 14 – Sunday, June 20 (Happy Juneteenth)

Reading *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* pp. 1-108 (Part 1). Group discussion, reading meditation, short analysis due.

Week 4: Monday, June 21 – Sunday, June 27

Reading *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* pp. 109-253 (Part 2). Group discussion, reading meditation, short analysis due.

Week 5: Monday, June 28 – Sunday, July 4 (Happy 4th of July)

Reading *Citizen: An American Lyric* pp. 1-79. Group discussion, reading meditation, short analysis due.

Week 6: Monday, July 5 – Sunday, July 11

Reading *Citizen: An American Lyric* pp. 80-159. Group discussion, reading meditation, short analysis due. Extended Analysis #1 due.

Week 7: Monday, July 12 – Sunday, July 18

Watch "The Danger of a Single Story." Group discussion, reading meditation due. Research.

Week 8: Monday, July 19 – Thursday, July 22 (course ends at 11:59 pm 7/22/21)

Extended Analysis #2 due. Final reflective short analysis due. Wisdom wall. Appreciations. Optional course evaluation and feedback.