

Department of Foreign Languages and Literature
National Tsing Hua University
Spring 2023 Course Outline

Course: English II
Lectures: Wednesday 10:10 am -1:00 pm

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Aim of class: to enhance student's critical thinking and reading skills, to build vocabulary, and to guide students to appreciate the culture associated with the English language use

Course requirement:

- Students have to preview assigned materials in the textbook and do recording assignments before coming to classes
 - Students will be randomly called to answer questions in class
 - Each student has to turn in assignments on time
 - Turn in the movie commentary assignment two days before the discussion class
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Grading Criteria:

Your grade will be calculated based on the following components:

- 10% Class participation/ Attendance
- 20% Quiz in-class
- 35% Midterm paper
a commentary on either of the documentaries: *MLK/FBI* or *Dick Johnson Is Dead*
- 35% Term paper
a commentary on either of the documentaries:
The war you don't see, *Social Dilemma* or *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

Guideline for both assignments:

Arial font, 1.5-spaced, front and back, three pages at least, five pages at most
You can include the plot summary in your paper; however, the summary can only take up **at most 30%** of your writing. It is required that you write about **how you personally feel** about the documentary.

Textbooks:

1. Stubbs, Marcia, Barnet, Sylvan, & Cain, William E. (2009). *The Little, Brown Reader* (Twelfth Edition). New York: Pearson Education, Inc. [LBR]

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Note: the weeks on the syllabus are idealized chunks of time. Not all have the same absolute duration. We will be somewhat flexible.

Week	Lectures
1 (2/15)	➤ Syllabus
2 (2/22)	➤ LBR Chapter 12 – Letter from Birmingham Jail (p.456) ➤ LBR Chapter 12 – Critical Thinking ➤ Documentary: MLK/FBI
3 (3/1)	➤ Movie: The Shawshank Redemption
4 (3/8)	➤ Discussion, Movie Commentary of The Shawshank Redemption ➤ Listening quiz
5 (3/15)	➤ LBR Chapter 6 – The Second Shift (p.144) & I Want a Wife (p.150) ➤ LBR Chapter 6 – Critical Thinking ➤ Documentary: Dick Johnson Is Dead
6 (3/22)	➤ Movie: Little Miss Sunshine
7 (3/29)	➤ Discussion, Movie Commentary of Little Miss Sunshine ➤ Listening quiz
8 (4/5)	No Class ➤ Midterm report due
9 (4/12)	➤ LBR Chapter 11 – Everyone Is a Media Outlet (p. 416) ➤ LBR Chapter 11 – Critical Thinking ➤ Documentary: The war you don't see
10 (4/19)	➤ Movie: Atonement
11 (4/26)	➤ Discussion, Movie Commentary of Atonement ➤ Listening quiz
12 (5/3)	➤ LBR Chapter 7 – On Being a Cripple (p.206) ➤ LBR Chapter 7 – Critical Thinking ➤ Documentary: Social Dilemma
13 (5/10)	➤ Movie: A Dog's Purpose
14 (5/17)	➤ Discussion, Movie Commentary of a Dog's Purpose ➤ Listening quiz
15 (5/24)	➤ LBR Chapter 8 – The Classroom and the Wider Culture (p.297) ➤ LBR Chapter 8 – Critical Thinking ➤ Documentary: Won't You Be My Neighbor?

16 (5/31)	➤ Movie: Don't Look Up
17 (6/7)	➤ Discussion, Movie Commentary of Don't Look Up ➤ Listening quiz
18 (6/14)	No Class ➤ Term paper due