

## English 1301

### Grammar Notes Assignment

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This assignment is designed to help you work on both content and grammar in the context of your own writing. You'll write, we'll study grammar, you'll take notes on that and apply those things in the draft you've written, I'll give you feedback to help you do that even better, we'll use tools to refine even more, and then you'll revise and clean up that essay to turn in with your notes on grammar.

### Assignment Components

Your final assignment will include these components, but remember, we do them step-by-step.

1. Your first essay draft ([Sample](#))
2. Class/readings notes on grammar rules and usage and lecture information ([Sample](#))
3. *Grammarly* Report ([Sample](#)) ([Video on how to get this report](#))
4. Feedback from me on Blackboard
5. Your final revised essay.
6. Optional: Writing center draft (Remember, you can get up to 10 points [extra credit](#) by taking this essay to the writing center. You must go *at least* one day in advance of the date this is due.)

### Format

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You will have readings covering the format process for MLA, and we will discuss it in class. Your final project must be formatted correctly. (Instructions in *Writing down the Basics*, pp 45-46 and in this [YouTube video](#))

### Essay Draft

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To begin, you will write a 1 ½ - 2 page essay about your favorite place to go or thing to do in El Paso. Tell the story of a time you went there to create a picture and feeling for the place and experience. ([Sample](#))

Once you complete this, you will need to post it to [Blackboard](#) on the Grammar Notes Draft link and print out a copy to bring to class.

\*Bring your copy to class with you every day throughout the project.\*

### Reading and Lecture Notes

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As we study grammar, you will need to take notes from our homework readings and in class each day on the grammar rules we go over. If you must miss class, you need to go to our class's *YouTube* playlist and watch the video and take notes from there. You may also wish to use that to review. ([Sample](#))

Your notes should include these things:

- The date
- The title/page numbers for the reading for the homework sections
- Notes on the basic rule(s), concepts, and instructions from the readings, videos, or lectures.

- ❖ Bring your essay and reading notes to class daily so that I can stamp them as done.
- ❖ If you are assigned a note-taker through CSD, you need to make sure and go through and annotate the notes you're given—highlight them, clarify any basic ideas, etc. Show that you've read them and added to them and reviewed them as needed.

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#### Turning In the Project

Make sure to review these notes as you finalize the project and organize it accordingly. Use post-its (which I'll provide in class) or some other form of division to show sections for this project. **DO NOT** place this in sheet protectors or turn it in in a 3-ring binder.

Organize in this order (top to bottom)

1. Original essay draft with notes from class
2. Reading and lecture notes
3. Grammarly report ([Video on how to get this report](#))
4. Version of Essay with my Comments from [Blackboard](#)
5. Optional: Writing center draft
6. Final Revised Essay

#### Grading Criteria

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Below are the criteria for grading.

##### Format and Professionalism

- The project is correctly formatted (MLA)
- The project is turned in on time
- The project is complete and correctly organized, including these things:
  - Original Essay Draft with notes from class
  - Reading and Lecture Notes
  - Print out of Grammarly Report
  - Version of Essay with my Comments from Blackboard
  - Optional: Writing center draft
  - Your final revised essay

##### Essay Content

- Does the essay clearly identify the place or event in El Paso?
- Does the essay create a clear picture and feeling for the place or experience?

##### Style and Clarity

- Does the style—voice, tone, sentence style, and word choice—reflect the type of writing expected in this essay?

##### Grammar

- Does the writing reflect grammatical and mechanical correctness expected at this level?

#### Revision

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You will be able to revise, but must turn in your revision using MS Word's Track Changes. ([Sample revision using Track Changes in Word](#); Video on how to do this: <https://youtu.be/SLrlll8n2Pc>)

#### Point Distribution

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- Grammar notes draft posted to Blackboard: 5%
- Grammar Notes Journal: 20%
- Grammarly use: 5%
- Use of comments from me posted to Blackboard: 20%
- Final Grammar Notes Essay: 50%