PCM - Comp II
Analyzing Short Stories
Tina Buck’s Orientation
Welcome!

Welcome Message

Welcome to Comp II!

In this course, we will continue to improve our writing and communication skills, and we will add the skill of ANALYZING short stories!

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Broad Overview of Class

- **Text:** *Analyzing Short Stories by Joe Lostracco (any edition)*

- Reading, quizzes, online journals

- Major Assignments: Papers are all of your major grades.

- Your are required to take a Departmental Exam in the testing center on any campus.

- [Read the complete Comp II syllabus](http://www.austincc.edu/buck/eng/1302/1302syl.htm)
Grading Policy

- Grading
  - To Make an A, you must:
    - Complete 5 papers
    - Write an acceptable Departmental test.
  - Submit a B and A paper.
  - You may only have one late paper.
To Make a B

- Complete 5 papers
- write an acceptable Departmental test.
- submit a B paper.
- You may have two late papers.
To make a C, (or just get credit)

- Complete 5 papers
- write an acceptable Departmental test.
- If you have MORE than two late papers you will need to stop with a C grade.
The C-test

- For the Departmental test, you will go to a testing center on any campus. You will need your ACC student ID and AN ADDITIONAL form of picture ID.
- You will be given a short story similar to ones you have already done for a grade.
- You will write a paper in the testing center – allow three hours to read, write and revise.
Blackboard Course Management System

- All materials and assignments are located in ACC’s online system called “Blackboard”
- The URL is: http://acconline.austincc.edu
- Login : ACC eID
Papers and Assignments

Each paper has “formative” assignments you must complete BEFORE you write the paper.

For each of the four required papers there are:
- One or more short stories (print study questions first)
- An online “lecture”
- An online quiz
- A journal entry

THESE ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE DAY YOU TURN YOUR PAPER IN.

The study questions are for you to fill in to guide your understanding of the story. You don’t turn them in ;)
Assignments

- All of your readings are online (you can print them out if you prefer to read a paper copy)
- Explanation of the elements is found in *Analyzing Short Stories* (a used edition is fine).
- Print out the reading list found on the Comp II website/Blackboard
- Print out the due dates to know when your papers and all assignments leading up to them, are due.
Submitting Papers

- Write a rough draft and then edit your paper.

- Type your name and paper number at the top of your paper.

- Save the file onto your computer
  with the file name: YOUR NAME AND PAPER#
  like: Sallysmith1.doc

- Login to Blackboard and click on Assignments button
  - Click the appropriate assignment
  - Under the comments box is a blank that says “Browse” <add another file>.
  - Click on the BROWSE button and NAVIGATE to your saved paper on your computer.
  - Click OPEN to display your paper’s file name in the blank
  - Click submit and ok

See the next page for a screen shot of this process.
Assignment Information

Name: Paper1

Instructions: From one of your journal entries, write a 1-2 page, double spaced paper describing ONE of the following:

- A favorite place from your childhood.
- One person who has been a big influence on you in your life.
- The ideal place to live.

Your Files

Comments:

File To Attach: [Browse] Add Another File

Currently Attached Files:

Submit

Press save to continue working on this assignment later, or submit when you are ready to turn in this assignment.

Don’t forget to click submit!
Checking your grade

- In Blackboard, Click on My Grades

You will only see your grades.

- **A** means your paper is DONE. It is accepted and no additional work is necessary. Go on to the next assignment.
- **R** means your paper needs to be revised. More work must be done to bring your paper to the Accepted level. Post the revised paper in the revisions section and THEN submit your next assignment.
- **L** means your paper was late according to the “time stamp” it received when you pasted it into the assignments box.
- **!** Means it has been submitted and is awaiting my grade.

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The Submission Process

Submit Paper to me

#1

My comments: Edit marked sentences for run-ons.

Begin working on next paper

#2

#1 R

Correct paper and submit it again

#1 R

Submit next paper avoiding errors

#2
The Gradebook

- Your papers are graded **ACCEPTED** or **REVISE**
- If you need to REVISE a paper, correct the errors and then submit the revision via the **REVISIONS** folder
  (there are separate assignments where you can click and then attach your revisions)
- In the gradebook you will eventually have all A’s showing that the original and revision have been graded.
- **Ideally you should correct the mistakes on the original paper, resubmit it and then submit your next paper, learning from the revisions you make on the previous papers.**
- **Given our time frame, you should go ahead and write the original paper during the week and then edit it after you get my comments back on the previous paper.**
Orientation Quiz

- After reading this orientation carefully, please login to Blackboard and take the orientation quiz there.

- You can not proceed in the course until you complete the orientation.

- Thanks! We’ll read some great short stories and have some fun!