

English 102 Section ECQ Assigned Date	Assignment	Due Date
1/27/20	500 words on Oscar Wilde quote found at beginning of "Science of Writing" article.	1/31/20
1/31/2020	250 words on whether there is a difference between fiction and nonfiction, the imaginary and the real?	2/3/2020
2/3/2020	Read the two essays. Find two ideas or concepts from each one and synthesize them—in <b>500 words</b> —into a prediction on whether, given the current state of our cultural and political polarization, some of which is described in the first essay, you think our future will be utopian or dystopian and why?	2/7/2020
2/10/2020	250 words on whether or not you believe it is possible for anyone to be completely objective?	2/12/2020
2/10/2020	<b>1,500 words writing assignment:</b> Reportage Feature/Long Form, Submersion Journalism: This assignment is a traditional "submersion" journalism, non-fiction assignment. Find something to report on, something that you feel the public should know about. Look at the examples/stories in Submersion Journalism. This will require creative thinking on your part. Look for an issue or an incident that interests you and "submerge" yourself in it, meaning you must spend a significant amount of time on skid row, at an air show or a concert. This assignment requires "field work." You must go out and engage the world. This assignment requires first person and two sources to be used as attributions. One of these must be an interview, the other can be credentialed, legitimate online research.	2/28/2020
3/2/2020	500 words: Use 2 outside sources for attribution (1 for each response) and address these two concepts: 1) We know from scientific research that animals do have emotions, that some mammalian species actually mourn ... the early death of an offspring for instance. Are human beings the only species that KNOW they are going to die? 2) Are humans the only species that has consciousness? Or, the ability to think about how they are thinking? To be aware of how they are thinking?	3/4/2020
3/4/2020	1,000 words: In the introduction to Submersion Journalism, Harper's Magazine Editor Roger Hodge uses a medical metaphor to claim that in the first decade of this century, the "American republic succumbed to a kind of auto-immune disorder ... that we are now exiles in a strange land; America is no longer America." Hodge's main contention is that opinion in the form of self-aggrandizement dominates media and that "there is little the responsible American citizen can do except turn off the television and radio, cancel newspaper subscriptions, shun the movie theater," and meditate each day on the "mantras" or penetrating writing of social critics such as Mark Twain, H.L. Mencken, and Ambrose Pierce. Consider this quote from Thomas Jefferson, a man who was vilified by newspapers much of the time: "If I had to choose between government without newspapers, and newspapers without government, I wouldn't hesitate to choose the latter." What do you agree with and disagree with in the above? Use 2 outside credentialed sources for attribution.	3/13/2020  I will collect all written material to date, all 7 writings, on this date, Friday the 13 <sup>th</sup> !
3/2/2020	Please refer to the <i>Atlantic</i> article by Charles Duhigg, "The Untold Story of How We All Got so Mad at One Another." There are five 500-word responses on the assignment sheet. Work through each for class discussion ending the assignment on March 30 <sup>th</sup> .	3/30/2020
<b>Shut Down Start</b>	Hi everyone. Due to the virus outbreak, the nature and dynamics of our class is going to change. Your assignments will now be based on readings from the assigned texts more than anything else. I wanted to get you out in the field to do some reporting and essay writing, but that, right now, is less feasible. In the assignments below I want you to put them all on one Word file, a continuous file, so it will be easy for me to keep track of them. In some of the assignments I will be asking for "attributions." This does not mean that you have to conform to an	

	<p>academic style like MLA or APA or Chicago. It means that you have to fully cite the outside source in the narrative of you text. For instance, “In Jane Doe’s book, <i>Unethical Lobbying Practices in Kazakhstan, she claims that ...</i>” . I will miss the opportunity for us to engage in the classroom. We will try to meet at least once a week via Zoom, which is easy to use. More details on that to follow. For now, please look for emails form me in your CCBC account.</p>	
3/30/2020	<p>Read several stories about the covid-19 pandemic. Make sure they are both news stories and analysis. In 1,000 words: The idea that there would be a great pandemic and that it was imminent was not unforeseen by many in the medical community, but pretty much ignored by politicians and cultural leaders. In the first 500 words, with one outside source used for attribution, describe the relationship between climate change, zoonotic disease, and viral or bacterial disease. In the next 500 words describe what our “new normal” looks like? With Covid-19 changing almost everything, what is our new normal now? How will we live our lives? Use one outside source for attribution.</p>	4/3/2020
4/3/2020	<p>Read Essay Six in <i>Submersion Journalism: The Line is Hot: A History of the Machine Gun. Shot.</i> Review slides 23 and 24 in the Submersion Journalism PowerPoint on the <a href="https://creativenonfictioncomposition.weebly.com">https://creativenonfictioncomposition.weebly.com</a> website.</p> <p>Watch the following:</p> <p><a href="https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/08/20/gun-control-second-amendment-rights-supreme-court-talker/2059968001/">https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/08/20/gun-control-second-amendment-rights-supreme-court-talker/2059968001/</a></p> <p>Read the article and watch the embedded video: <a href="https://www.vox.com/2019/4/10/18304415/new-zealand-gun-control-mosque-shootings-assault-weapons-ban">https://www.vox.com/2019/4/10/18304415/new-zealand-gun-control-mosque-shootings-assault-weapons-ban</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/as-new-zealand-eyes-assault-weapons-ban-gun-control-advocates-decry-heartbreaking-lack-of-action/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/as-new-zealand-eyes-assault-weapons-ban-gun-control-advocates-decry-heartbreaking-lack-of-action/</a></p> <p>In 1,000 words describe what you would do if you were in charge of gun control in the United States. Use two outside sources for attribution.</p>	4/10/2020
4/10/2020	<p>Read Essay seven in <i>Submersion Journalism: Welcome to Cancerland: A Mammogram Leads to a Culture of Pink Kitsch.</i> Review slides 25 and 26 in the Submersion Journalism PowerPoint on the <a href="https://creativenonfictioncomposition.weebly.com">https://creativenonfictioncomposition.weebly.com</a> website.</p> <p>Watch the following videos:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_zBK2MU-qo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_zBK2MU-qo</a></p> <p>Read this: <a href="https://jezebel.com/breast-cancer-is-a-disease-not-a-marketing-opportunit-5380683">https://jezebel.com/breast-cancer-is-a-disease-not-a-marketing-opportunit-5380683</a></p> <p>Ehrenreich claims, “the feminists want a cure.” And after eliminating bad genes and poor diets as being major contributors to breast cancer, she focuses on environmental factors. But environmental factors as a cause would totally dismantle the euphemized, infantilized, comodified culture of pink and all its corporate support. If environmental factors are focused on, corporations, who are some of the main contributors to environmental pollution would be targeted as a major cause of, not only breast cancer, but all cancers. Write a 1,000 word essay that focuses on whether there should be a “race for the cure” or another race, a “race for the cause?” How, if the focus was on cause instead of exclusively on cure, would this effect the current pink dynamic? What</p>	4/17/2020



