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**English 09 – 4 units  
Basic English Composition Fall– 2013  
Imperial Valley College**

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## Course Description and Objectives

In the course of the semester, students will read, examine, analyze, and evaluate many short essays and one longer non-fiction work of at least 200 pages. Students will learn basic composition skills, focusing on the sentence and paragraph, leading to a multi-paragraph essay. Students will study vocabulary in the context of reading and writing.

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### REQUIRED TEXTS:

Little & Brown Handbook and Rain of Gold by Victor Villasenor

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Attendance: Students who wish to do well in the class should plan on attending every class. Students should try to arrive early so that they are on time for class. EMAIL ME IF YOU ARE LATE OR ABSENT. If you have a job, work with your Manager and let him/her know how important this class is. Students should officially drop if they determine they do not want to take the class. You will receive an “F” if you stop coming and don’t withdraw. Do not stop coming because you think you are failing. Talk to me, email me so that you do not mess up your transcript even though this is not a transfer class.

2. Preparation, participation, and deadlines: Students are expected to arrive in class with the day's reading already completed or with required drafts ready to be turned in. Late work will reflect on your class participation. Students will be expected to actively participate in class activities that involve reading, discussion, peer response, and group work.

3. Materials: Students are expected to arrive in class with the assigned texts Essays written may require pre-writing activities and drafts. Directions will be given as to how to turn those items into the instructor.

4. Proper format: For essays, typed, one and a half (1 ½) spaced, and uploaded to blackboard:

Name

Essay Name: Essay, Version 1

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Date draft is due: Date

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6. Students are encouraged to make an appointment if you need help or to email with questions.

7. Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible: DSP&S, Room 2117, Health Sciences Bldg., (760) 355-6312.

8. Academic Misconduct Policy Academic honesty: Plagiarism is unacceptable. Any work turned in must be yours or must be adequately cited (you will be trained in citing sources\_. Plagiarism\* (that means using someone else's words without citing your source) will result in a failing grade on the specific assignment. All dishonest behavior will be reported to the administration Academic misconduct includes misconduct associated with the classroom, laboratory or clinical learning process. Some examples of academic misconduct are cheating and plagiarism.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, (a) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, assessment tests or examinations; (b) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the faculty member in writing

papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; or (c) the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the college faculty or staff.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the use of paraphrased or directly quoted published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials. Information gathered from the internet and not properly identified is also considered plagiarism.

Any student found by a faculty member to have committed academic misconduct may be subject to sanctions as determined by the faculty member. Sanctions MAY include a warning, grade adjustment, and course failure. Consequences for plagiarism include a zero on the assignment and a referral will be made to the proper campus authority.

## 9. IVC Discipline Policy

“Imperial Valley College is maintained for the purpose of providing students in the community with programs of instruction in higher education. The College is concerned with the fostering of knowledge, the search for truth and the dissemination of ideas. Students shall assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the college’s function as an educational institution. Misconduct while on the college campus, or at a college-sponsored function are subject to disciplinary action.

An instructor MAY REMOVE a student for the day of removal and the next class meeting. Such action must be immediately reported to the Superintendent/President. During the period of removal the student MAY NOT return without the consent of the instructor.”

## 10. Student Learning Outcomes for English 08:

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- 1) Generate multi paragraph essays with a clear thesis statement or controlling idea. 1. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)

- 2) Write multi-paragraph essays showing support for a thesis statement or controlling idea (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)
- 3) Construct complete sentences with few errors in sentence structure such as fragments, comma splices, or run-on sentences (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4)
- 4) Compose a multi-paragraph essay response to a reading (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)

### **GRADING SCALE**

90-100 percent—A

80-89 percent—B

70-79 percent—C

60-69 percent—D

0-59 percent—F

### **Evaluation:**

75% of your grade will be writing assignments.

10% will be participation and attendance.

15% will be reading Rain of Gold and activities that go with it—quizzes, writings such as reflections, etc.

**WEDNESDAY Nov. 20 we will have a Common Essay Exam. This exam will be graded by 2 other English Instructors. It will be part of the 75% of your grade for writing assignments.**

Because this is a writing class, your work may be reviewed and critiqued by peers or may be used as an example by the instructor for in class presentation.