Achieving Classroom Excellence Act (ACE) End of Course Project Category B English II

Choice of Topics

Project Overview Through a multi-modal research project, student will exhibit mastery of English II *Priority Academic Student Skills* (PASS).

The Conflict between Generations

Student Guide

Category B EOC English II February 2013

Guidelines

1. The student meets with the Project Coordinator to review progress at the indicated check points in this guide and to decide if adjustments to the student's timeline are necessary. The student must verify that he/she completed all of ACE End of Course Project without assistance. The student is to submit a completed project with all necessary components and forms to the Project Coordinator who will forward it to the evaluation team.

Directions

1. Read all instructions carefully.

2. With your Project Coordinator, determine a timeline for completing the project and enter target dates for completing each of the CHECK POINTS in the space provided. You should have tangible components to exhibit progress at each check point conference.

3. Select a topic from the list provided by the Project Coordinator.

4. Complete all required project components.

5. Be sure to check in with your Project Coordinator at the CHECK POINTS listed in the project.

6. Submit the project for scoring by the due date. All forms, components, and necessary artifacts must be included before the project can be assessed.

Requirements for Submission of the ACE End of Course Project

For submission, a completed ACE End of Course Project must include:

- 1. Completed Student Planner and Agreement
- 2. Completed essay with citation page and all components of writing process
- 3. Digital copy of all artifacts of that second component

4. Completed Project Submission Form as required for authenticity of the work final project determination to the student.

English II: Choice of Topics

Project Task

Through a well-written, documented essay and product/presentation, student will exhibit mastery of English II *Priority Academic Student Skills* (PASS).

Task Specifications

The Conflict Between Generations

Project Component One

1. Select and read works to form a working thesis which must be a combination of fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry related to selected topic. (refer to recommended reading list and discuss options with the Project Coordinator)

CHECK POINT DATE _____ Student Initials ____ Coordinator Initials ____

2. Develop the working thesis.

CHECK POINT DATE _____ Student Initials ____ Coordinator Initials ____

3. Use the writing process to create a thesis in a well-written, documented essay of 500-750 words.

CHECK POINT DATE _____ Student Initials ____ Coordinator Initials ____

Project Component Two Oral Reflection

5. The oral reflection will be done in front of the Project Coordinator who will record it. The reflection summarizes the findings and reflects on the learning process and its application to real life. The reflection must be a summary or synthesis of the work and must demonstrate mastery of the English II Language Arts Priority Academic Student Skills. Please see the Oral Presentation Rubric for expectations.

CHECK POINT DATE _____ Student Initials ____ Coordinator Initials ____

Scoring Criteria

Component One – The Written Component of the Project – will be evaluated using the English II and English III Writing Rubric

Component Two – Oral Reflection – will be evaluated using the Rubric for Second Component

Templates for Use

- Form to research sources
- Form for working thesis
- Format sheet showing APA and MLA formats (Please use the citation process used by your District)
- Form for identifying pieces of fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry used

Online Sites

http://www.citationmachine.net/ http://www.easybib.com/ http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/ http://owl.english.purdue.edu/ http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/ http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/ http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/mla/index.shtml http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/apa/ http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/jcheek4/writing.htm http://www.readwritethink.org/ http://sde.state.ok.us/Curriculum/PASS/default.html Suggested Titles: Fiction, Nonfiction, Drama, and Poetry

See APPENDIX A for your Selected Topic to find suggested titles in fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry. You are not limited to reading the suggested titles; these are provided simply as possible works to consider. Discuss options with your Project Coordinator to select the best works for you.

Project Task

Through a multi-modal research project, student will exhibit mastery of English II Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS).

Multi-modal Project

Form: Your final project must include:

- •A table of contents
- •Five different artifacts from the different categories.

•A digitally recorded oral reflection that summarizes the findings and reflects on the learning process and its application to real life.

Selection Criteria:

•Select 5 artifacts from the list of 7 •No more than one selection per mode

From the modes, you must create five artifacts that interweave into a larger framework that represents your thesis. Formal writings such as essays and reflective pieces should follow the documented writing style determined by your district (MLA or APA whichever style your District recommends.). Created artifacts are to be presented in a manner that is legible but representative of the mode and era (newspaper columns, letter format, greeting card, recipe, etc.).

Oral Reflection

The oral reflection will be done in front of the Project Coordinator who will digitally record the presentation. The reflection summarizes the findings and reflects on the learning process and its application to real life. The reflection is a polished formal presentation that uses the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that are used in writing as well as gestures, tone, and vocabulary appropriate for to the audience

and purpose. The reflection must include insight and connection of theme and components to personal experiences and ideas; an explanation of the modes chosen and how those modes connect to the theme; and, an explanation of each artifact mode used within the project and its connection to the theme.

Category 1: Print Media	Category 2: Visual with Words	Category 3: Visual Display
 Newspaper Article Obituary Editorial Letter to the Editor Advice Column Magazine Article 	 Poster Invitation Ad Travel Brochure Greeting Card Cartoon 	 Picture/Photograph Graph Map Certificate Recipe Collage
Category 4: Informational Interview Survey Trivia Game Timeline Directions Idea Web Virtual Book Talk	Category 5: Creative Writing Skit Song Poem Short Story Personal Narrative Conversation 	Category 6: Structured • Essay • Report • Book Review • Letter • Speech • Descriptive Paragraph
Category 7: Poetry and Literary Analysis Ode Ballad Free Verse Blank Verse Narrative Sonnet Virtual Book Talk		

Appendix A: English II and English III Writing Rubric

Analytic Scores

Each piece of student writing is given five analytic scores that focus on specific writing skills. These ratings range from 4 (the highest score) to 1 (the lowest score). Taken together, these scores provide a profile of the specific strengths and weaknesses of the student's writing. The following are the actual scoring rubrics used to assign the five analytic scores.

Score	Ideas and Development 30%
4	• The content is well suited for the audience, purpose, and mode
	• The main idea or thesis is clear
	• Ideas are fully developed and elaborated using details, examples, reasons, or evidence
	• The writer expresses an insightful perspective towards the topic
3	• The content is adequate for the audience, purpose, and mode
	• The main idea is evident but may lack clarity
	• Ideas are developed using some details, examples, reasons, and/or evidence
	• The writer sustains his/her perspective toward the topic throughout most of
	the composition
2	• The content is inconsistent with the audience, purpose, and mode
	• The main idea is not focused and leaves the reader with question and making
	inferences to understand the main idea
	• Ideas are minimally developed with few details
	• May simply be a list of ideas
	• The writer has difficulty expressing his/her perspective toward the topic
1	• The content is irrelevant to the audience, purpose, and mode
	• The composition lacks a central idea
	Ideas lack development or may be repetitive
	• The writer has little or no perspective on the topic

Score	Organization, Unity, and Coherence 25%
4	• Introduction engages the reader
	Sustained or consistent focus on the topic
	• Logical and appropriate sequencing and balanced with smooth, effective transitions
	• Order and structure are strong and move the reader through the text
	Conclusion is satisfying
3	Evident introduction to the topic
	Adequate focus
	Adequate sequencing
	• Stays on topic with little digression
	Uses limited but effective transitions
	Order and structure are present
	Conclusion is appropriate
2	May lack a clear organizational structure
	Weak evidence of unity
	• Little or limited sequencing and/or transitions
	Details may be randomly placed
1	Lacks logical direction
	No evidence of organizational structure

Score	Word Choice 15%
4	• Appropriate word choice which conveys the correct meaning and appeals to the audience in an interesting, precise, and natural way
	• Few vague, overused, repetitive language is used (a lot, great, very, really)
	• Words that evoke strong images such as sensory language
	Ordinary words used in an unusual way
3	• Words generally convey the intended message
	• The writer uses a variety of words that are appropriate but do not necessarily energize the writing
2	 Word choice lacks precision and variety or may be inappropriate to the audience and purpose May be simplistic and/or vague
	• Relies on overused or vague language (a lot, great, very, really)
	• Few attempts at figurative language and dialogue
	• Word choice is unimaginative and colorless with images that are unclear or absent
1	 Word choice indicates an extremely limited or inaccurate vocabulary No attempts at figurative language General, vague words that fail to communicate meaning
	Text may be too short to demonstrate variety

Score	Sentences and Paragraphs 15%
4	Writing clearly demonstrates appropriate sentence structure
	• Writing has few or no run-on or fragment errors
	• Ideas are organized into paragraphs that blend into larger text
	Evidence of appropriate paragraphing
3	Writing adequately demonstrates appropriate sentence structure
	• Writing may contain a small number of run-on or fragment errors that do not
	interfere with fluency
	Writing has adequate variety of sentence structure
	Ideas are organized into paragraphs
2	• Writing demonstrates lack of control in sentence structure
	• Writing contains errors such as run-ons and fragments that interfere with
	fluency
	Writing has limited variety of sentence structure
	Writing may show little or no attempt at paragraphing
1	Inappropriate sentence structure
	Many errors in structure (run-ons, fragments)
	No variety of structure
	No attempt at paragraphing

Score	Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics 15%
4	• The writer demonstrates appropriate use of correct
	Spelling
	Punctuation
	Capitalization
	Grammar
	Usage
	Errors may be noticeable but do not significantly affect readability
3	• The writer demonstrates adequate use of correct
	Spelling
	Punctuation
	Capitalization
	Grammar
	Usage
	•Errors may be distracting and interfere with readability
2	• The writer demonstrates minimal use of correct
	Spelling
	Punctuation
	Capitalization
	Grammar
	Usage
1	Errors are numerous and impede readability
1	The writer demonstrates very limited use of correct

Spelling
Punctuation
Capitalization
Grammar
Usage
• Errors are numerous and severely impede readability

Appendix B: Rubric for Oral Reflection

Score	Advanced	
4	Limited use of notes	
	Professional attire	
	• Has a well thought out introduction, body and conclusion	
	• States theme/thesis at the beginning and refers to it throughout the presentation	
	• Presents all 5 artifacts and draws a clear connection between artifacts and theme/thesis	
	Presents smooth logical sequence	
	• Time limits – good use of time	
	• Well thought out, smooth presentation with minimal stops and refocusing of thought process	
	Creative presentation	
	• Demonstrate familiarity of content through eye contact and body language	
Score	Proficient	
3	Professional attire	
	• Some use of notes	
	Creative presentation	
	• Time limit – good use of time with minimal stops and refocusing time used	
	• All 5 artifacts and clarity on their relation to the theme/thesis	
	• States theme/thesis at the beginning and end of the presentation	
	Clear introduction, body and conclusion	
	Creative presentation	
Score	Limited Knowledge	
2	Acceptable appearance	
	• Use of notes apparent throughout presentation	
	• Introduction, body and conclusion present, but continuously jumping from	
	one idea to the next	
	• 4/5 artifacts	
	• Weak thesis	
	• Doesn't make good use of allotted time	

Score	Unsatisfactory
1	Student read presentation word for word
	• Missing 2 or more artifacts
	• Attire is inappropriate for presentation
	Theme/thesis is unclear

Format Sheet Showing MLA and APA Formats

General MLA Formatting Guide

1. Type the paper using 8 ¹/₂ inches wide and 11 inches long regular weight white paper.

- 2. The paper must be double-spaced.
- 3. The font is Times News Roman and the size is 12 point.
- 4. There is only one space after periods or other punctuation marks.

5. The margins on the top, bottom, left, and right are to be one inch.

6. Indent the beginning sentence of each paragraph one-half inch using the tab bar of the computer.

7. Create a header in the upper right corner of the page, flush with the right margin, which includes your last name, followed by a space with an Arabic page number that consecutively numbers each page.

8. On the first page at the upper left margin, type your first and last name, your instructor's name, the course, and date in international sequence (day, month, year). This is double-spaced. Enter one time (a double space) before the title.

9. Center the title. Use standard capitalization rules for the title. Do not underscore, bold, italicize, or place the title in quotes. Enter one time after the title (double space before the body of the essay).

10. Italics are to be used for longer titles. Quotation marks for very short titles.

11. If you have end notes, title them as such and place them before the Works Cited page of the essay.

12. Include a properly formatted Works Cited page providing only the sources documented in the essay. Type the word centered at the top of the page. Double space the entries with the first line flush with the left margin and remaining lines using the "hanging indent" feature. Alphabetize by last name of author or first significant word of title.

(See http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/ for an example of an MLA prepared first page)

MLA no longer includes the URL of web sites but does include medium.

This is intended only as a guide; please use the MLA 7th Ed. Handbook for further information.

SAMPLE MLA PAPER: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/13/

General APA Formatting Guide

1. Type the paper using 8 ¹/₂ inches wide and 11 inches long regular weight white paper.

- 2. The paper must be double-spaced.
- 3. The font is Times News Roman and the size is 12 point.
- 4. There are spaces after periods or other punctuation marks.
- 5. The margins on the top, bottom, left, and right are to be one inch.

6. Indent the beginning sentence of each paragraph one-half inch using the tab bar of the computer.

7. Create a header on the top of every page including the title page (Use words "running head" only on title page). On the left, flush with the margin, within quotation marks, is the paper's title in capital letters. On the right, flush with the margin, insert consecutive Arabic numbers beginning with the title page.

8. Create a title page with a running head. Double space the entries on the title page. Center and type your title, of no more than 12 words, in upper and lower case letters in the top half of the page. Beneath the title, type your first name, middle initial(s), and last name. Beneath the author's name, type the name of your school. (See

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/ for an example of a title page). 9. Create an abstract. The page should have the header. On the first line center the word "Abstract". Do not bold, italicize, underline, or enclose the words in quotation marks. Write a concise one paragraph summary of the key points of your essay and include the topic, research questions, support and conclusion. Do not indent the first line, double space the abstract and limit the words to 150-250.

10. The essay's title is centered at the top of page 3 (Title page is 1, abstract is 2). Use standard capitalization rules for the title. Do not underscore, bold, italicize, or place the title in quotes. Enter one time after the title (double space before the body of the essay). 11. Italics are to be used for longer titles. Quotation marks for very short titles.

12. Include a properly formatted References page providing only the sources documented in the essay. Type the word centered at the top of the page. Double space the entries with the first line flush with the left margin and remaining lines using the "hanging indent" feature. Alphabetize by last name of author or first significant word of title. Personal communications are not cited in an APA paper.

(See http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/18/ for an example of a APA prepared first page)

(See http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/17/ for a power point on the APA style)

(See http://supp.apa.org/style/pubman-reprint-corrections-for-2e.pdf for complete listing by APA of errors in the 6th edition of the APA style manual)

Form for Identifying Pieces of Fiction, Nonfiction, Drama, and Poetry Used

FICTION
Author:
Title:
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NONFICTION
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Appendix C ACE End of Course Projects Performance Level Rubric English II

	1	2	3	4
Reading/Literature	Student demonstrates	Student demonstrates partial	Student demonstrates mastery	Student demonstrates a
Standard 1: Vocabulary	little to no mastery of	mastery of grade level	of vocabulary at grade level,	superior and in-depth
- The student will	grade level vocabulary.	vocabulary: occasional	successfully interprets academic	mastery of above-grade
expand vocabulary		difficulty in interpreting	terms and phrases, understands	level vocabulary,
through word study,		academic terms.	how affixes affect word	including specialized
literature, and class			meaning	academic language
discussion.				
Reading/Literature	Student demonstrates	Student demonstrates a	Student demonstrates mastery	Student demonstrates a in-
Standard 2:	little to no literal	literal understanding of text,	of the standard including the	depth mastery of the
Comprehension – The	understanding of text,	and shows partial ability to	ability to infer or interpret from	standard: shows the ability
student will interact with	and is unable to infer	infer or interpret from	textual elements, summarize or	to reflect upon and
words and concepts on the	meaning from specific	textual elements, summarize	generalize the main idea,	respond to text.
page to understand what	textual passages.	the main idea, distinguish	explain the impact of specific	
the writer has said.		between	details and elements, paraphrase	
		significant/insignificant	analyze or evaluate differences	
		details, and analyze or	between fiction and nonfiction,	
		evaluate differences	evaluate arguments, or analyze	
		between fiction and	textual features for achieving	
		nonfiction	author's purpose.	

Reading/Literature	Student demonstrates	Student demonstrates partial	Student demonstrates mastery	Student demonstrates a
Standard 3: Literature -	little to no mastery of	mastery of various forms	of various forms and	superior and in-depth
The student will read,	various forms and	and characteristics of genre	characteristics of genre or	mastery of various forms
construct meaning, and	characteristics of genre	or subgenres of literature;	subgenres of literature;	and characteristics of
respond to a wide variety	or subgenres of	sometimes confuses or is	understands basic literary	genre or subgenres of
of literary forms.	literature	unable to discern basic	elements and techniques and	literature; demonstrates
		literary elements and	accurately explains how they	knowledge of how literary
		techniques; sometimes	affect the development of a	elements and a wide range
		unable to recognize how	literary work.	of literary techniques
		these elements and	5	affect development of a
		techniques affect		literary work.
		development of the work.		5
Reading/Literature	Students is unable to	Students is sometimes able	Students is able to select the	Students is able to select
Standard 4: Research	select the best source for	to select the best source for	best source for a given purpose,	the best source for a given
and Information – The	a given purpose, access	a given purpose, access a	access a variety of information,	purpose, access a variety
student will conduct	a variety of information,	variety of information, skim	skim or scan for information, or	of information, skim or
research and organize	skim or scan for	or scan for information, or	use organizational strategies or	scan for information, or
information.	information, or use	use organizational strategies	interpret information from a	use organizational
	organizational strategies	or interpret information	variety of sources.	strategies or interpret
	or interpret information	from a variety of sources.	-	information from a variety
	from a variety of			of sources and identify
	sources.			complexities and
				inconsistencies to the
				information and different
				perspectives.

Writing/Grammar/Usage and Mechanics Standard 1: Writing Process – The student will use the writing process to write coherently.	Student is unable to use the writing process to develop and refine composition skills with prewriting strategies, multiple drafts, revision, editing, or refining selected pieces.	Student is able to use parts of the writing process to develop and refine composition skills with prewriting strategies, multiple drafts, revision, editing, or refining selected pieces.	Student uses the writing process to develop and refine composition skills with prewriting strategies, multiple drafts, revision, editing, or refining selected pieces.	Student skillfully uses all aspects of the writing project to develop and refine composition skills in prewriting, developing multiple drafts, refining style to suit occasion, proofreading, editing, and frequently refining pieces for general and specific audiences.
Writing/Grammar/Usage and Mechanics Standard 2: Modes and Forms of Writing – The student will write for a variety of purposes and audiences using creative, narrative, descriptive, expository, persuasive, and reflective modes.	The student is unable to determine proper mode, purpose, and audience for a writing piece and is unable to develop writing to length of 500- 750 words	The student is partially able to determine proper mode, purpose, and audience for a writing piece, but cannot develop to a length of 500- 750 words	The student is able to determine proper mode, purpose, and audience for a writing piece, is able to write to length of 500- 750 words	The student writes for a variety of purposes and modes with lengths of 500-750 words or more, provides elements of narrative, expository, analytical, persuasive, or reflective modes in respective pieces and has an evident awareness of the audience and purpose for writing.

Writing/Grammar/Usage	The student does not	The student demonstrates	The student demonstrates	The student has skillful
and Mechanics Standard	demonstrate correct use	some correct use of	correct use of Standard English	demonstration of the
3: The student will	of Standard English in	Standard English in writing,	in writing, most of the time is	correct use of Standard
demonstrate appropriate	writing, is unable to	is sometimes able to	able to distinguish commonly	English in writing, is able
practices in writing by	distinguish commonly	distinguish commonly	confused words, use correct	to distinguish commonly
applying Standard	confused words, use	confused words, use correct	verb forms or tenses or subject-	confused words, use
English conventions of	correct verb forms, verb	verb forms and tenses, and	verb agreement, and most of the	correct verb forms and
the revision and editing	tenses; writing lacks	ensure subject-verb	time demonstrates appropriate	tenses, maintains subject-
stages of writing.	subject-verb agreement,	agreement; sometimes	mechanics or sentence structure.	verb agreement,
	and does not	demonstrates appropriate		demonstrates appropriate
	demonstrate appropriate	mechanics or sentence		mechanics and skillfully
	mechanics or sentence	structure.		uses sentence structure to
	structure.			impact writing.
Integrating and	Student demonstrates	Student demonstrates partial	Student demonstrates mastery	Student demonstrates
Applying Knowledge	little to no mastery in	mastery in integrating and	in integrating and applying	superior mastery in
and Skills to Address a	integrating and applying	applying knowledge and	knowledge and skills of English	integrating and applying
Practical, Real World	knowledge and skills of	skills of English III to	III to address a practical, real	knowledge and skills of
Challenge	English III to address a	address a practical, real	world challenge.	English III to address a
	practical, real world	world challenge.		practical, real world
	challenge.			challenge.
Student Learning	Student demonstrates	Student demonstrates a	Student demonstrates	Student demonstrates
Reflection	less than a Limited	partial understanding how	understanding of how this	superior understanding of
	Knowledge level of	this project has contributed	project has contributed to the	how this project has
	understanding how this	to the student's learning and	student's learning and real	contributed to the
	project has contributed	real world application of	world application of English III	student's learning and real
	to the student's learning	English III skills.	skills.	world application of
	and real world			English III skills,
	application of English			including past and future
	III skills.			benefits of this experience
		-		on the student's life.

Advanced

To score Advanced, a student must have a total of at least 28 points on the English III Performance Level Rubric, with no component scoring a 1.

Proficient

To score Proficient, a student must have a total of at least 19 points on the English III Performance Level Rubric, with no component scoring a 1.

Limited Knowledge

To score Limited Knowledge, a student must have a total of at least 10 points on the English III Performance Level Rubric.

Unsatisfactory

Students scoring less than 10 points on the English III Performance Level Rubric will score Unsatisfactory.

