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0210 Beginning ESL Reading/Vocabulary 4 credits 01/11-04/30 Spring, 2010

MWF 08:05am-08:55am Fisher Bldg 15 Room 0126
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Textbooks/Materials:
Themes for Today by Lorraine C. Smith, Nancy Nici Mare (Second Edition)
Insights for Today by Lorraine C. Smith, Nancy Nici Mare (Second Edition)
Heinle Picture Dictionary 2005
A Notebook for taking notes and assignments

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a beginning reading course for college-bound students of English as a second language. Emphasis is on preparing students for academic study through the development of effective reading strategies, vocabulary acquisition, note-taking, inferring, summarizing, critical thinking, and understanding American culture. This course is for credit with Pass/Fail grade.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students will develop critical reading skills such as
- Identifying the main idea
- Identifying the supporting details
- Using context clues
- Analyzing texts
- Forming ideas and opinions, drawing conclusions
- Organizing information by using flowcharts, charts, outlines
- Paraphrasing and summarizing
- Memorizing 3000 basic vocabulary
- Familiarizing word forms

METHODOLOGY: Students read the assigned materials as homework. In the class, students will participate in class discussions of the readings, and do assignments related to the topics discussed. Through class discussion, students will gain understanding of meaning, connotation, denotation, and inference. Students will increase vocabulary through reading and discussion. Quiz is given on each chapter. Quizzes may be closed or open book, in-class or take home. There will be a mid-term exam and a final exam.

INTERNET REFERENCES: http://dictionary.reference.com
COURSE POLICIES: Attendance will be taken during the first 5 minutes of the class period. The first three absences will not affect the student’s grade. Each absence after three will result in a deduction of 1% from the final grade. Tests cannot be made up.

COURSE EVALUATION: The course grade will be based on quizzes, tests, assignments and participation, and each is worth 25% of the final grade. The final grade for the course is Pass or Fail. Pass = 72% or above. Fail = 59% or below.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 Jan 11-15 Introduction
Chapter 1 The McCaugheys: An Unusual Family
Quiz
Summary
Vocabulary List 1

Week 2 Jan 19-22 No class on 18th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
Chapter 2 A Musical Family
Chapter 3 Learning a Second Language
Quizzes
Journal
Vocabulary List 2

Week 3 Jan 25-29 Chapter 4 Food and Culture
Chapter 5 The Importance of Exercise for Children
Quizzes
Week 4  Feb 1-3  
No class on 4th and 5th (Winter Carnival recess)
Chapter 6  The New York City Marathon: A World Race
Chapter 7  Margaret Mead: The World Was Her Home
Quizzes
Vocabulary List 4
Summary

Week 5  Feb 8-12  
Chapter 8  Louis Pasteur: A Modern-Day Scientist
Chapter 9  The Origin of the Moon
Vocabulary List 5
Journal

Week 6  Feb 15-19  
Chapter 10  Maps: the Keys to Our World
Chapter 11  Saving Lives with Weather Forecasting
Quizzes
Vocabulary List 6
Book Report

Week 7  Feb 22-26  
Chapter 12  Clues and Criminal Investigation
Quiz
Review Chapter 1 to Chapter 12
Vocabulary List 7
Summary

Week 8  Mar 1-5  
Mid-term exam
Chapter 1  A Family Sees America Together
Quiz
Vocabulary List 8
Journal

Mar 8-12 (Spring Break)

Week 9  Mar 15-19  
Chapter 2  Volunteer Vacations
Chapter 3  How Alike Are Identical Twins?
Quizzes
Mar 8-12 (Spring Break)
Vocabulary List 9
Book Report

Week 10  Mar 22-26  
Chapter 4  The Search for Happiness through Adoption
Chapter 5  Laptops in the Classroom
Quizzes
Vocabulary List 10
Summary

Week 11  Mar29-Apr2  Chapter 6  A New Way To Go
Chapter 7  The Dangers of Secondhand Smoke
Quizzes
Vocabulary List 11
Journal

Week 12  Apr 5-9  Chapter 8  A Healthy Diet for Everyone
Chapter 9  Alfred Nobel: A Man of Peace
Quizzes
Vocabulary List 12
Book Report

Week 13  Apr12-16  Chapter 10  Marie Curie: A Twentieth-Century Woman
Chapter 11  Oil as an Important World Resource
Quizzes
Vocabulary List 13
Summary

Week 14  Apr19-23  Chapter 12  How Earthquakes Happen
Review Chapter 1 to Chapter 12
Quizzes
Vocabulary List 14

Week 15  Apr26-30  Finals week: Final exam
Post test (English Placement Test)

This syllabus is subject to change by the instructor as appropriate.