

ENG 1113: Sharing a Favorite Pastime

DUE

Typed draft due _____.



READINGS

- Class Handouts
- “How to Say Nothing in 500 Words” (P. Roberts)



Your paper must be a minimum of 2 pages (@ 600 words).

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH 100 POINTS.



ADDITIONAL

You may make an appointment with me (or email me) at any phase of your assignment to discuss any ideas or problems you may be having. I am more than willing to look at drafts at any stage of development.

Please consult the information in your syllabus about scheduling appointments in order to do so. You may also schedule an appointment in SSC’s Student Success Center with a writing tutor to gain valuable feedback on your draft.



GUIDELINES

What is your favorite book, comic, TV show, or movie? Your favorite hobby or activity? Why do you find it so special? For this paper, write an informative essay that describes the recreational activity or event and analyzes what appeals to you. In providing analysis, you should find specific examples that illustrate your reasoning. If you think it relaxing, then describe exactly why it is so and provide an example that proves this point. You should aim for three topic sentences – each being a reason why you find this so compelling or important. Tip: choose something that will give you rich material for analysis and avoid shallow, obvious reasoning.

Example: I might choose to share my love of Star Trek with students, arguing that this is more than just a sci-fi show, and that the ideology of hope, tolerance, and peace in the show are all things we should try much harder to achieve. When I watch Star Trek, I think of the possibilities of what we can accomplish, and that makes me feel positive about the future. For the body paragraphs, I could focus on hope, peace, and tolerance, tying different themes in the show with issues I see in the world today as examples of how the show is relevant to us beyond it being entertainment. The more of this I can do the more introspective and thoughtful the paper will be – and that always raises the chances of earning a higher grade. You want to avoid topics where you end up saying the obvious, have trouble developing the paragraphs because there’s not much else to say once you give an example.



BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Use Standard Academic English with strong verbs and specific words to convey your meaning.
- Follow page format guidelines and proper 2009 MLA documentation (if necessary).
- When referring to any specific book, TV show, or the like, simply use attribution to document it: give the title and author for texts, and the title and year of release for movies and TV shows.