

College in the Classroom Summer Reading - Comp I – Eng 1101 2020-2021

Our first essay is an in-class essay that will take the first four days of class. Ample time is given to allow students to reflect on the prompt, prewrite, and find textual evidence in their book to support the assertions that they will make within the body of their essay and have time to edit and rewrite a final product. At the end of each class period, writing that students have completed that day in class will be collected and returned the following day. For the (3 pages) written essay, students may bring their text to class and their pen. Paper is furnished.

In order to complete the writing project, the student will have read *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy. Copies of the text is usually available at most libraries, at Half Price Books, and there is a free audio version of the text at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6JpAxjnPfM> Please note that for the purpose of parenthetical citations, it is easier for the student to use a hard copy of the text even though e-books are available. Annotations made in the text while reading this summer will aid in students locating material needed to complete the essay.

The Death of Ivan Ilyich is a novella. The decision to use this text was driven by organizational issues out of our local control, the paperwork in obtaining instructor approval, and local scheduling. This is not a lengthy read. It is, however, college level reading. Students will need exposure to college level reading in order to produce college level writing.

Students may want to obtain a copy of the MLA Guidebook for Writing and/or familiarize themselves with the MLA Guidelines for parenthetical citations/in-text citations before the school year begins. College writers are expected to document all paraphrased, summarized, or quoted material from texts with parenthetical citations.

As usual, there are abundant study guides available online to aid students as they read, but will not be available to students as they write. The skills mentioned above are part of the Ohio State Standards taught in our English classes, and are the skills that our students take with them into their college classroom. This course is not designed to be a developmental writing course, but a college composition course.

The last requirement for Summer Reading is the play, *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. An objective test over the text is scheduled for the fifth day of class. This is, of course, an attempt to determine that students are committed to the program, and able to read and comprehend material independently.