

What is the best kind of reading for English class?

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

In most English classes, teachers are tasked to put together a list of readings to facilitate learning. The goal of most English classes in the US is to provide students with practice in learning how to write for their college-level courses and for their future. However, many students often complain or take issue with the readings they are asked to read. While some argue that these readings are not related to their major, others simply find the assigned readings boring.

In this essay, you will be writing an proposal essay in which you give suggestion for the kinds of reading . As a source-based essay, your task is to investigate what the positives and negatives of this curriculum are. This investigation should take into consideration the rhetorical situation with special thought given to the audience.

OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- Reflect learning goals and learning methods
- Develop critical thinking skills through the analysis of sources
- Find external sources from the library to support claims
- Develop audience awareness

GUIDELINES

- Minimum 1,200 words
- Uses a minimum of **5 sources**
- At least two sources must be academic journal articles
- MLA Format for cited work(s)
- Includes well-written and organized paragraphs
- Includes an introduction, clear thesis, and conclusion
- Double-spaced

Follow-up questions

As you address this question and consider possible ways to answer it, there are several sub-questions that need to be addressed before moving forward. Moreover, because this is a broad question, it is important to consider ways of narrowing this question. For example, If your classes are all international or ESL students, then your answer would be different than if it were for a mainstream class. Consider the following questions:

- What kind of English class is this?
- What are the goals of the English class?
- Who are the students? Are they international students or are they “typical” American students?
- Should there be reading at all? Should it only be writing?
- What are the benefits for doing reading in a writing class?
- What kind of writing should it be? Should it be fiction? Short stories? Non-fiction?

As you draft your essay, it is important to explicitly address or stipulate your rhetorical situation.