

The Absurd

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is for you to gain experience writing an expository essay.

Method: You will achieve this purpose by writing an expository essay.

Details: This essay will be completed in stages. The first stage – the planning stage – will be due at the end of class today and is worth 20-points. You must have specific details from *The Trial*, and textual evidence from “The Myth of Sisyphus.” This planning stage may be in outline or web format. You must include a thesis statement in your planning.

Prompt

Though The Absurd is represented differently in both The Trial and “The Myth of Sisyphus,” it is indeed seen in both pieces. You must consider how characters find a sense of control in seemingly out of control situations, where their happiness comes from, and finally, how both characters demonstrate an ability to rise above their situations.

Stage Two: Rough draft – This must be a complete rough draft including full introduction with thesis, three body paragraphs with specific details from *The Trial* and textual evidence from “The Myth of Sisyphus.” This rough draft is due either Wednesday, February 3rd (A-day) or Thursday, February 4th (B-day). We will revise and work with sentence structure in class that day. **I suggest that you take your ideas and rough draft to the Writing Center before this due date.** This assignment is worth 20 points.

Stage Three: Editing – You will need to take your essay to the Writing Center in order for it to be edited by one of the Writing Center tutors. Your objective in doing this is to work with the non-negotiables in this final stage of the writing process. **The product that you will turn in for this will be your marked up essay with the name of your Writing Center tutor written by the tutor on your edited essay.** This editing must be completed by Tuesday, February 16th (A-day) or Wednesday, February 17th (B-day). This assignment is worth 15-points.

Stage Four: Final Draft – This final draft is due at the beginning of class on Thursday, February 18th (A-day) or February 19th (B-day). This assignment is worth 40 points on the 5th six weeks grading cycle.