

# English 201A, Composition: Critical Thinking

Fall 2017

----August 21st to October 20th----

(CRN: 72838)

**Welcome** potential students! My name is Matthew Fleming, and I look forward to working with you this semester. This course is a major commitment, as a 4-unit course should be; **however**, if you are willing to put in the time and effort, it will also be very interesting, creative, dynamic, and, dare I say. . . educational.

*----Matthew Fleming*

## What you should know

- This course is 9 weeks of condensed and intensive study
- We have no face-to-face meetings
- You must participate in this course on an almost every-other-day basis
- You must write a minimum of 400 words a week in online forums
- You will have homework assignments and readings due once a week.
- You will write a series of essays including drafts and peer reviews on turnitin.com and Canvas
- You will be dropped if you fail to log in for more than 7 days and/or if your postings-to-forum or postings-to-homework percentage falls below 50%.

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**Course Description:** The Cuesta College catalog and schedule descriptions of English 201A define it as a course that provides a study of and practice in the use of language and writing of argumentative/analytical essays and research papers--acceptable for credit at UC, CSU.

**Prerequisites:** Verification of eligibility for 201A.

### Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Write a fair and persuasive argument that takes a clear position while incorporating differing viewpoints.
2. Write an essay that is effectively and clearly organized.
3. Find necessary information, assess its value, and use it in a research paper.
4. Integrate and document sources correctly, clearly, and ethically.
5. Write clear, grammatical sentences with few errors.

**Required Text:** *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

### **Required Regular and Effective Contact:**

This course requires regular and effective contact among all students and the instructor for the full 9 weeks of the course. We will achieve this in a variety of ways:

- ✓ weekly class discussion and homework forums in Canvas,
- ✓ weekly book homework and readings and submissions,
- ✓ interactive online essay work-shopping through turnitin.com and Canvas
- ✓ viewing of short video lectures and content
- ✓ writing of a series of essays using turnitin.com

## **PLEASE REVIEW THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES BELOW!!!**

### **Disabled Student Services:**

If you have a disability and might need accommodations in this class, please contact me immediately at [mfleming@cuesta.edu](mailto:m Fleming@cuesta.edu) and DSPS: <http://academic.cuesta.edu/acasupp/dsps/>

### **Conduct and Drop Policy:**

You will be dropped if you fail to log in for more than 7 days and/or if your postings-to-forum or postings-to-homework percentage falls below 50%.

Cuesta Drop Policy: <http://academic.cuesta.edu/admrrreg/infodate.htm>

### **Academic Honesty:**

[http://academic.cuesta.edu/president/2008BP/BP5000/AP 5500\\_Standards of Conduct.pdf](http://academic.cuesta.edu/president/2008BP/BP5000/AP 5500_Standards of Conduct.pdf)

### **Cuesta Waitlist Procedure:**

<http://academic.cuesta.edu/admrrreg/waitlist.htm>

**If you have reviewed the above information and have registered for the class, please login no later than Monday, August 21st, 2017, by 10:00 p.m. (PST).**

Canvas Access: <https://auth.cuesta.edu/idp/Authn/UserPassword>

### **FAQ's about Canvas:**

[http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/fac\\_de\\_resources/canvas\\_faq\\_s.html](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/fac_de_resources/canvas_faq_s.html)