

ENGLISH 101 COMMON MIDTERM
Spring 2014

“In Groups We Shrink”

Instructions:

*Read the attached article and respond to the prompt below. Before you begin writing, make sure you understand what the topic is asking you to do and spend some time planning your essay. Be sure to write your essay (a) **in pen**, (b) **on every other line**, and (c) **on one side only of the paper**.*

If you write a rough draft and then run out of time when copying it, simply put an asterisk () at the end of your final draft with a note that says “see rough draft,” and put another asterisk in your rough draft to indicate where you left off re-copying.*

ESSAY PROMPT:

According to Tavis, why do people in groups respond differently than they do when alone? In your own life, have you experienced or observed this kind of group reaction and is Tavis correct in her reason for it? Support your opinion with specific examples drawn from your own experiences, your observations of others, AND from the essay itself.