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WRC 1013 Classes
Essay 1 (Classification/Division and Definition) Guidelines

This essay is basically an extended definition paper. After reading the assigned chapters and listening to the lectures concerning this essay, create an essay centered on classification or division, and definition.

First, choose a topic using brainstorming, either through ideas from the text (remember journals cannot be resubmitted essays nor vice versa), classroom discussions, or individual ideas.

Then, using free writing (any of the ones we have discussed this semester) and create the essay. Use a term (any term), and define it through a denotation and a connotation. Go one (1) step further, and break the topic into its parts.

Remember emotions are easy to deal with in a paper of this nature (even if they are not easy to deal with in real life).

Here's an outline of an introductory paragraph that might help you:

- I. Intro. Paragraph
 - A. Catcher—rhetorical question
 - B. Thesis statement—
 1. Denotation—dictionary definition
 2. Connotation—commonly accepted meaning
 - C. Forecasting statement—(using emphatic order) Types
 1. Fantastic
 2. Good
 3. Horrible
 4. Date from Hell

Now, take it from there. Add narration and description (information learned from Essay 1) and expand on these dates.

Remember to have equal development of the categories.

	Fantastic Date	Good Date	Horrible Date	Date from Hell
Point 1				
Point 2				
Point 3				

Use your parallel sequencing chart to help you, and make sure that the categories do not overlap. Examples of overlapping categories would be “first dates,” “second dates,” “dates to remember.” Also, remember not to forget any essential categories.

One last point, you must have a minimum of three (3) categories, or you might fall into comparison and contrast. That is the rhetorical mode for Essay 3.

Good luck! You will be fine. If you get lost or confused, ask.