Class Agenda - March 23 , 2020

Keep in mind that your homework for Monday was:

1. Complete Present Perfect Grammar Exercises
2. Complete pair work with partner or group to identify the parts of a narrative in AN Immigrant’s Silent Struggle.
3. Study for the vocabulary quiz #5
4. Select the narrative topic you wish to write about. You were asks to look at p. 60 section 3.4 to consider the Story ideas.

7:50 Make sure that you have the following windows open: Google Hangouts, Google Classroom, Open Lab and this email so you can find the links.

Before you start to blog, please go to Open Lab, Course Materials, Assessments. Here, you will find a Rubric that explains my expectation for your blog work. You need to work hard to explain your ideas in clear, grammatically correct sentences. A single sentence is not enough. This is writing practice for which you will received feedback.

Go to Open Lab and click on “Blog”. First go to Friday’s blog and see my comments in color in the previous blog post, and then blog on the new post with the new question. Remember that you can respond to the question directly, or respond to one of your classmates’ comments. Keep in mind that you cannot use Safari with Open Lab

8:10 – I will call you to join Google Hangout. Please keep in mind that:

1. You will receive an email to your **gmail** account to let you know the link to join.
2. I have purchased a new program that can accommodate at least 20 visitors, so everyone should be able to get on line. Please be on time. Even if you have to wait. If you have problems, please **text me.** Don’t write messages on the Open Lab blog or any emails as I won’t see them until after class is over.
3. In order to be able to open Google Hangout, you will need to use either Firefox or Chrome. Safari will not work. So try to stay in Chrome or Firefox the whole time we are in class together. Please do not try to do any of this work on your phone.
4. Please adjust your picture on the screen so that it is a picture of you live. I cannot guess who you are.
5. I am planning to record these sessions. The purpose is that I can then post our class to Open Lab and you can watch the session in case you missed something. If there is anyone who objects to my recording of our sessions, please let me know privately. Remember, this is for your benefit.

8:20 Review and discussion of homework and other course challenges.

8:30 We are continuing our work on the **Narrative Essay**. By now, you should have the topic of your story selected with a very general plan for what you are going to write about. **Please email me at the end of class with your general topic.**

Remember that the introduction for a narrative is different from the introduction to a response essay:

1) Strongly sets the place and time, the situation and the purpose for the story.

It does it with precise, interesting words.

2) Gives details about the main character

3) May contain a thesis statement that tells the point, message or theme., of your story. (But the thesis may also be implied. In other words, it may not be said explicitly, but demonstrates the thesis through evidence in the story. ) If you do write a thesis statement, it may help you to focus your essay. Use precise, interesting words to set up the conflict that represents the thesis. By providing an interesting introduction, you make the reader want to continue to read your story.

8:45 3.6 Read the two introductory paragraphs on p 61. Which one do you think is better and why? What additional information could help each of the examples.

9:10 Look at the student introduction p. 54, paragraph 1. What can we apply to the elements of an introduction to his first paragraph? Break down the tenses. How did the student construct this first paragraph?

Practice with the Present Perfect tense. Constructing sentences related to ourselves. One “for” sentence and one “since” sentence.

9:20 Please watch the 10 minutes video on how to create and use the past perfect tense.

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QU5bqql8Kg>

Let’s try some practice with the tense.

9:30 Homework – Please everyone, If you do not understand the assignments or know where to find materials, please, please, please let me know right after class. Otherwise, we all lose very precious time.

1. As soon as class is over, please email me with your Narrative essay topic.
2. Complete Past perfect exercise – Go to Course materials, Grammar on Open Lab.
3. With your partner, on a google document, go to page 61 and 62 , exercise 3.8 and conduct a google doc conversation about which you believe is the best choice (A.b. or c). You task is to make a choice and then persuade your partner of that choice. Then, share that document with me.
4. Once you have my approval for your topic, please write your introductory paragraph using the various elements we have been discussing. and submit it to me on Google docs.

10:00 – The on line vocabulary quiz will begin. I will be sending it to you via Google classroom. Please know that you will only have 20 minutes to complete it.