



FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

ENGL101-LC59/ CL59

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Hello and welcome to 1101. This is part of a first-year learning community together with Kerin Coughlin's Intro to Paralegal Studies (Law1101). Of course we'll be working together to help you to learn professional and legal writing skills, but we won't stop there. This class is here to help you figure out what language is "best for the job," whatever the job you're trying to do might be. With this in mind, we're going to look at the kind of language you use in your out-of-school lives, the kind of language you use in your field, and the kind of language that gets used in academia and how decisions about language get made.

We're going to do research about the world outside ourselves and write about the world inside ourselves, and we're going to learn about each other.

HOMEWORK/ PARTICIPATION (INCLUDING ATTENDANCE):



**WAIT, WHAT? THIS IS WORTH FIFTY PERCENT?
ISN'T THAT HALF OF MY GRADE?**

Yep. This means that you need to come to class (almost) all of the time and you need to do (almost) all of your homework to do well in this class. In fact, you could get A's on all of your papers and still FAIL the class if you miss a lot of class or if you don't do your homework.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

Actually, it does. As it turns out, what you're learning in a writing class is not just how to write three specific papers; you're learning about your writing process, and you're learning to be a part of a writing community (writers don't write alone—not paralegals writing legal correspondence, not journalists writing New York Times articles.) This class is designed to teach you how to get from assignment to idea to research to draft to revised, finished product—and to help you figure out how to do that on your own when you're in the workplace and have no teacher to assign papers to you. This process is what you need to take with you when the class is done. And the homework is meant to help you figure out YOUR version of that process.

