

## **GRADE OF C. You can earn a C in this class by doing the following:**

- You must complete all assigned readings **on time** and with thought to the questions outlined in the syllabus and/or in class.
- You must thoughtfully respond to and promptly submit all major assignments.
- You must actively contribute to the success of small group work and discussions, and to group presentations when assigned.
- You must take my responses to your essays and speeches seriously and revise your work with an eye to ongoing and substantial improvement.
- You must prepare for and participate in class discussions.
- You must respond in a helpful manner to colleague's written and spoken work.

## **GRADE OF B. To earn a B in this class:**

- You must put forth sufficient effort to significantly exceed the performance described above for the grade of C.
- You must plan ahead so that you allow sufficient time to draft, edit, and polish your written and spoken assignments.
- You must contribute to a challenging and stimulating class environment through your thoughts and questions.
- You must develop listening as a distinct skill and demonstrate this through your careful attention to the words of others. A careful listener will offer specific responses to the ideas presented by others.
- Your active participation must demonstrate a willingness to explore beneath the surface of an idea, and to make connections between the readings you have completed
- You must have specific and constructive responses to the written work of your colleagues and group exercises.
- You must rethink and rework your assignments—not only in response to my suggestions and/or your colleagues'—but in response to your own evaluations and questions over time.

## **GRADE OF A. To earn an A in this class:**

- You must significantly exceed the performance described above for the grade of B.
- You must demonstrate a willingness and ability to constantly probe beneath obvious levels of analysis, to question assumptions and perceptions (both your own and those you encounter in your readings, to explore new intellectual territory, and to make discoveries about yourself and your environment.
- You must demonstrate leadership abilities small group discussion, but balance this with an awareness that ***the quality (rather than the quantity)*** of speaking and writing completed in a term is the real hallmark of excellence.
- Your comments to colleagues must be focused, specific, and constructive.
- You must demonstrate curiosity about new subjects and perspectives and be willing to exert time and energy to pursue that curiosity.
- You must be willing and able to reflect upon your own work and thinking with an eye to the constant and substantial improvement of the same