

Assignments

Week 1, beginning 8/18 /2008:

Tuesday:

- We'll discuss the syllabus and the structure and goals of the course.
- You'll do a calculation at the end of the syllabus to determine if you're giving yourself enough time to succeed or if you're setting yourself up to be so pressured by work, family and SCC commitments that at some point in the semester you, the beautiful butterfly ready to fly about the garden of education will be squished like a bug under the heavy boot of too-many-responsibilities. If you're uncomfortable as a butterfly, picture yourself instead as a powerful cat ready to explore educational savannahs that gets run over by a herd of too-heavy-commitments.

Homework due Thursday:

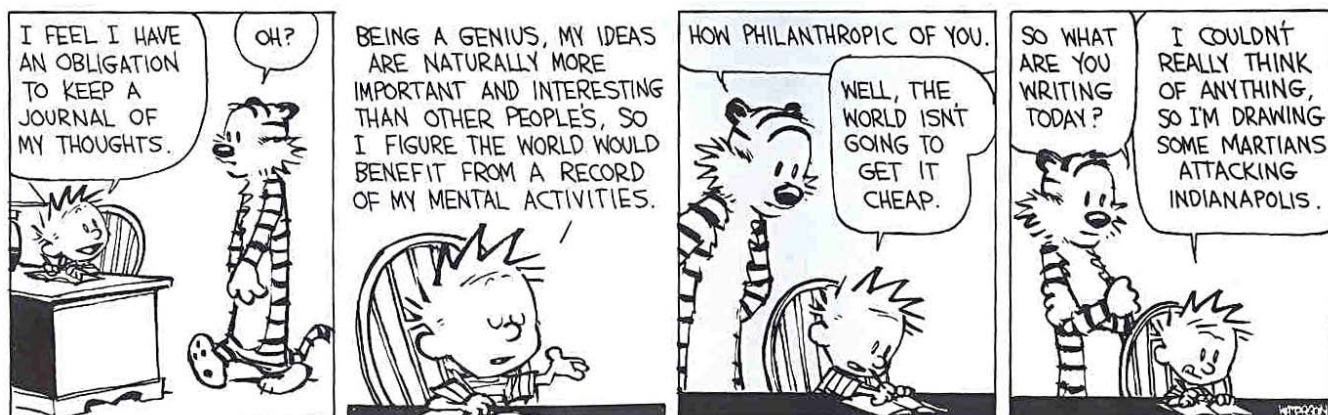
1. If you're not yet registered for the class, make sure you do that either online or in person.
2. Purchase required texts and a composition book for your journal.
3. Complete your first quiz by going to the site listed above, Qcounty.com, and by following the link in the upper right-hand corner to [Solano College classes](#) and the link to [Fall 2008](#). Select your class and then follow the link to First Visit. Follow the directions you'll find there to send me an email. Don't forget to include your name!
4. Read pages 3 to 7 in Chapter 1 of *Literature and its Writers* and be prepared for a short quiz on Grace Paley's "Samuel."

Thursday:

- We'll discuss Grace Paley's "Samuel."
- We'll also read another "micro-story" in class, which I won't tell you about now so that it can be a surprise.
- We'll begin our discussion of Chapter 2, "The Elements of Fiction: A Storyteller's Means," pages 8 to 18.

Homework due Next Tuesday:

1. Read Chapter 2 in *Literature and its Writers*, pages 8 to 18.
2. Read Joyce Carol Oates' "Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?" pages 404 to 416



"Calvin and Hobbes" by Bill Watterson.