

Assignments

Week 1, beginning 8/18/2008:

Tuesday:

- We'll discuss the syllabus and the structure and goals of the course.
- We'll talk about the Writing Lab.
- 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.
- If there's time remaining, we'll begin discussing description by looking at an essay that appeared in Sunday's *New York Times*, "Summerscapes – My Mexican-American Family Vacations in Mexico," by Helena Maria Viramontes. If I don't hand out a copy today, you can read it online on the class website.

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 all required texts, including Aaron's *40 Model Essays*, and Altman's *Sentence-Combining Workbook*.
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!

Thursday:

- We'll spend some minutes on Unit 1 in your *Sentence-Combining Workbook*.
- As some point during the class Ms. Shari Pabst from the Writing Lab will present a lab orientation that will take about 20 minutes.
- You'll fill out the lab information sheets so that you're ready to schedule your hours, which you should do as soon as possible.
- We'll continue our reading and discussion of Viramontes's essay.

Homework due next Tuesday:

1. Complete Unit 1 in *Sentence-Combining*.
2. Read pages 20-25 in *40 Model Essays* and expect a short quiz on the reading.

