

**Berkeley City College**  
**English 1A (42459) Section B**  
**Fall Semester 2010**  
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Hello Class,

I want to welcome all of you to English 1A (42459) Section B1. I am very excited about this course, and eager to guide you through the wonderful process of writing over the next 16 weeks. As you might know, due to some minor changes in the system, we are running a week behind with the ordering of textbooks for the fall term.

To expedite your acquisition of the required books, I recommend you make use of the various outlets available to find your books e.g. (Amazon, Borders, or Barnes and Noble), as we move forward with this week's lessons. Please view the list of books below. Most, if not all books for the course can be found pretty much anywhere. With regard to orientation, dates, and times class will meet should be posted by Monday, August 23, 2010.

My simple request for the class is to have everyone do a round-robin of introductions. This includes providing a mini anecdote about who you are and what your goals are for this course by Monday. As we move forward we will be blogging, posting, answering literary prompts, and critiquing materials. So, hold on to your seats, as we take flight and soar into our first week of English 1A Composition and Reading.

A good resource for this semester is my teaching website, [lotusnoirexperience.com](http://lotusnoirexperience.com). There you will find writing prompts, resources, and other tools which will help you to become a better writer.

- Rereading America - Gary Colombo
- Nickel and Dimed (with new afterword)- Barbara Ehrenreich
- Can't Stop Won't Stop - Jeff Chang
- Rules for Writers - Diane Hacker