Language Studies Comprehensive Exams Reading List

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COMPOSITION


Berlin, James. “Rhetoric and Ideology in the Writing Classroom”

Brereton. From The Origins of Composition Studies in American College, 1875-1925


Gee, James Paul. “The New Literacy Studies and the Social Turn”

Harris, Joseph. “The Idea of Community in the Study of Writing”

Hesse, Doug. “Who Owns Writing?”


Shaughnessy, Mina. “Introduction to Errors and Expectations


Selfe, Cynthia L. "The Movement of Air, the Breath of Meaning: Aurality and Multimodal Composing." College Composition and Communication 60.4 (June 2009): 611-663.


Bartholomae, David. “Inventing the University.”

Bizzell, Patricia. “Contact Zones.”

Bizzell, Patricia. “Cognition, Convention, and Certainty: What We Need to Know about Writing”

Bruffe, Kenneth A. “Collaborative Learning and the ‘Conversation of Mankind.’”
Ede, Lisa and Andrea Lunsford. “Audience Addressed”  
Flower and Hayes. “A Cognitive Process Theory of Writing”  
Kinneavy, James E. “The Basic Aims of Discourse”  
Matsuda, Paul Kei. “Composition Studies and ESL Writing: A Disciplinary Division of Labor”  
Rose, Mike. “Narrowing the Mind and Page: Remedial Writers and Cognitive Reductionism”  
Sommers, Nancy. “Revision Strategies of Student Writers and Experienced Adult Writers”  
Trimbur, John. “Consensus and Difference in Collaborative Learning”  
Wardle, Elizabeth. “Understanding Transfer from FYC: Preliminary Results of a Longitudinal Study.”  
Writing Program Administration 31.1.2 (Fall/Winter 2007): 65-85.  
Yancey, “Looking Back as We Look Forward: Historicizing Writing Assessment as a Rhetorical Act.”  

RHETORIC

Bitzer, Lloyd. “The Rhetorical Situation”  
Bizzell, Patricia and Bruce Herzberg, eds. The Rhetorical Tradition: Readings from Classical Times until the Present. 2nd ed. Boston: Bedford/St Martin’s, 2000.  
Gorgias, Defense of Helen (42-46)  
Anonymous, Dissoi Logoi (47-55)  
Aspasia, From Plato, Cicero, Athenaeus, and Plutarch (56-66)  
Plato, Gorgias (80-137)  
Plato, Phaedrus (138-168)  
Aristotle, From Rhetoric (169-240)  
Cicero, From De Oratore and Orator (283-343)  
Locke, From An Essay Concerning Human Understanding  
Bakhtin, Mikhail. Selections from Marxism and the Philosophy of Language  
Perelman & Olbrechts-Tyteca. From The New Rhetoric  
Toulmin, Stephen. From The Uses of Argument  
Foucault, Michel. From Archeology of Knowledge  


**LINGUISTICS**


**TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION**


Miller, Carolyn, “A Humanistic Rationale for Technical Writing.”

Johnson, Robert R., “Audience Involved: Toward a Participatory Model of Writing.”


Slack, Jennifer Daryl, David James Miller, and Jeffrey Doak, “The Technical Communicator as Author: Meaning, Power, Authority.”


Sullivan, Dale, “Political-Ethical Implications of Defining Technical Communication as a Practice.”


