

College in the Classroom Summer Reading

College Composition 1101 & 1201 2025-2026 - Ms. Lewis

Our first essay is an in-class essay that will take the first three days of class. Ample time is given to allow students to reflect on the prompt, prewrite, and find textual evidence in their book to support the assertions made within the body of the essay, and time to edit and rewrite a final product. At the end of each class period, writing students have completed that day in class will be collected and returned the following day. For the (3 pages) written essay, students may bring their text to class and their pen. The paper is furnished.

In order to complete the writing project, the student will have read *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy. Copies of the text are usually available at most libraries, at Half Price Books, and there is a free audio version of the text at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6JpAxjnPfM>

Please note that for the purpose of parenthetical citations, it is easier for the student to use a hard copy of the text, even though e-books are available. **Annotations made in the text while reading this summer will aid in students locating the material needed to complete the essay.**

The Death of Ivan Ilyich is a novella. The decision to use this text was driven by organizational issues outside our local control, the paperwork involved in obtaining instructor approval, and local scheduling. This is not a lengthy read. It is, however, college-level reading. Students will need exposure to college-level reading in order to produce college-level writing.

Students may want to obtain a copy of the 9th edition MLA Guidebook for Writing and/or familiarize themselves with the MLA Guidelines for parenthetical citations/in-text citations before the school year begins. **College writers are expected to document all paraphrased, summarized, or quoted material from texts with parenthetical citations.**

As usual, abundant study guides are available online to aid students as they read, but they will not be available to students as they write. The skills mentioned above are part of the Ohio State Standards taught in our English classes and are the skills that our students take with them into their college classrooms. This course is not designed to be a developmental writing course but a college composition course.