

Schedule for finishing “Letter from Birmingham Jail”

Monday, 11/16: I will return your first synthesis prompts and we will talk about what went well and what needs attention. You will write your next prompt on Monday, 11/23.

Due Tuesday, 11/17:

1. Read and annotate “Mizzou, Yale and Free Speech”
2. Read and annotate “Here’s Why Ithaca College Students Want Their President to Resign Over Racism on Campus”
3. Re-read paragraph 10 in “Letter from Birmingham Jail.” Pay careful attention to the point that King makes about “tension.” (King also mentions “tension” in paragraph 24.)
4. Read paragraph 14 in “Letter from Birmingham Jail.” Carefully annotate the article and pay attention not just to what King is saying, but also to how he is saying it. Things to do and look for. Count the number of words in the long sentence. What do you notice about the long sentence? Are there images? Allusions? Metaphors? Parallel structure? Antithetical structures? What is the tone?
5. Write a response in which you consider how the current college campus crises in the United States relate to the “tension” that King discusses in his letter. Use APA style for your citation. Use all sources. I prefer that you type your responses, but I will also accept handwritten essays. Word minimum: 300 words. That said, you are free to wander well beyond that minimum. Please double-space your essays. Put your name and page number on each page.

Wednesday, 11/18 Read & annotate through paragraph 29 and answer accompanying questions

Thursday, 11/19: Complete “Letter” and accompanying questions

Friday, 11/20: Vocabulary Quiz on all Greek and Latin bases in chapters 1 through 8

Monday, 11/23: Synthesis Prompt in class

Tuesday, 11/24: Introduction to the rhetorical analysis prompt

Monday, 11/30: GRP topics due