



# Disciplinary Research Guide for English Majors

Jenelle Foster

Prof. Jimisha Releford

Reflective Writing Portfolio (ENGW-105)

1 March 2020

# **Table of Contents**

I.	Introduction.....	3
II.	Journals.....	4
III.	Key Terms.....	6
IV.	Organizations.....	9
V.	Employment Opportunities.....	11
VI.	Style Guide.....	14
VII.	Works Cited.....	16

## **Introduction:**

There is a range of opportunities and skills that you gain from majoring in English. Most people are unaware of the various career paths that are opened to you with an English background. There is a wide range of writing skills that one can gain such as skills in creative writing, technical writing, legal writing, and business/professional writing. Those with an English degree are able to build a foundation and a career in medicine, law, advertising, teaching, journalism, and much more. With an English background, there is an endless number of ways to be able to creatively express yourself and showcase your talents and work.

This guide is intended to assist first-year freshman English majors who may be unsure of what direction they are heading in. This guide highlights resources that serve as a guide for these freshman English majors. Resources included are journals relating to the major, common key terms that are used often in the English field of study, English organizations that English majors may want to explore and consider joining, employment opportunities, and the style guide utilized for the English discipline.

## **Journals:**

### 1. *College English*

*College English* was published by The National Council of Teachers of English. It is a professional journal that is useful for both students and instructors in college. *College English* publishes articles touching on critical theory, creative writing theory, reading theory, literature, rhetoric-composition, pedagogy, linguistics, and literacy. This journal also includes peer-reviewed essays. They accept contributions and submissions from a diverse range of authors who represent the full range of institutional types.

The range of articles offered will be beneficial to English majors and help them decide which form of writing suits them best. It will also allow them to gain skills and an understanding of different writing styles that they may or may not be comfortable and/or familiar with.

### 2. *English Literary Renaissance*

*English Literary Renaissance* was published by The University of Chicago Press. It focuses on renaissance literature and authors such as Shakespeare, Spenser, Donne, and Milton. What makes this journal so unique is the rare publications from the renaissance period. This journal also includes annotated bibliographies. Most, if not all, articles from Renaissance England and Europe.

This journal provides a look at traditional, older writing styles. Although this writing style is not used or seen as much now, it is still useful to read back and compare to today's writing styles. Older writing styles also have techniques and skills that can be

incorporated into future projects and assignments. Classical authors may come up in classes, so it is also convenient to be familiar with them.

### 3. *Writing Center Journal*

The *Writing Center Journal* first began in 1980 by Lil Brannon and Steven North and is the primary research journal in writing centers. WCJ is the official journal of the International Writing Centers Association. This journal publishes articles twice a year and their acceptance rate is 13%.

This journal is useful for receiving meaningful feedback on manuscripts, even if you are rejected. This journal is beneficial when looking for research and scholarship relevant to writing centers. This will be especially beneficial for undergraduate freshman English majors as they strengthen and broaden their writing skills.

## **Key Terms:**

### 1. Inference

An alternative way to say “inference” would be an “educated guess.” An inference is when you draw a conclusion or opinion based on the information that you are given or that you already know. This word is often used during class to build discussions based on a reading or a text.

### 2. Socratic Seminar

The name comes from Socrates’ belief in the power of asking questions. He believed in the importance of discussion over debate and prize inquiry over information. A Socratic Seminar is a formal discussion in which a mediator asks open-ended questions based on a text. Students will then articulate their own thoughts while commenting on their peers’ comments when necessary. This teaches students to cooperate with one another and become critical thinkers.

### 3. Analysis

An analysis is a process where one studies and examines the nature of something and/or its features. This term and activity is performed and referenced frequently while reading and discussing texts

### 4. Genre

Genre refers to the different forms of art, literature, or music that are characterized by a specific style, form, and content. The five types of genres in literature are poetry, prose,

drama, fiction, and non-fiction. Each genre plays a different role all while informing readers on topics discussed or themes present in the text.

#### 5. Point of View

Point of View is the narration that the author is imposing on their readers in a story, poem, or essay. The three major types of points of view are first-person, second-person, and third-person. First-person typically uses the pronouns “I” and “we.” Second-person uses the pronoun “you” and third-person employs pronouns like “he,” “she,” “it,” “they,” or a name. The purpose of the point of view is for the author to focus the attention of their audiences to the perspective that is important for the theme and message of the story.

#### 6. Stanza

A stanza is a paragraph in poetry. It is usually composed of four or more lines.

#### 7. Theme

A theme is the main idea or message of a literary work. The theme can be either explicitly or inexplicitly stated. There are major themes and minor themes. A major theme is the main theme that is repeated throughout the text. A minor theme is mentioned maybe once or twice within the text.

#### 8. Voice

Voice is the format through which narrators tell stories. The voice can be that of the author him/herself or of a character within the story.

#### 9. Figurative Language

Figurative Language is the use of figurative speech to be more effective and persuasive. Some forms of figurative language such as metaphors, hyperboles, and allusions, go

beyond the literal meaning of words to give readers a new view of a play on words. Other forms of figurative language such as alliterations and imagery serve to appeal to the senses of readers.

#### 10. Dictation

The act of reading something, usually a text aloud. This is done so then someone else or a machine can record or write down what is being said or read aloud.



## Organizations:

### 1. Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society



**SIGMA TAU DELTA**  
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Sigma Tau Delta, International  
English Honor Society, was

founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University. They strive to bring together high achievements in the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Their goal is to promote interest in literature and the English language across college communities and campuses. Through their honor society, members exemplify good fellowship and exhibit high standards of academic excellence all while serving society by fostering literacy.

Sigma Tau Delta has over 900 active chapters across the globe, more than 1000 faculty advisors, and approximately 9000 members inducted annually. They provide readers with various resources to contact the board of directors, student advisors/representatives, and alumni representatives. The Society additionally provides members with leadership opportunities. These opportunities can be as big as taking part in the management of the Society or something smaller at the Society's regional and international levels. The International English Honor Society also has partnerships available for two-year colleges and high schools (<http://www.english.org/about/index.shtml>).

### 2. Sterling Allen Brown English Society (SABES)



The Sterling Allen Brown English Society (SABES) is a Howard  
University on-campus organization that pushes to create a

community among English students and those with a love and passion for literature and related fields. A foundation for the community is built from extracurricular enrichment. Some of these activities include open mics, film screenings with panel discussions, book talks, workshops hosted by English professors and faculty, and English-themed game nights.

Furthermore, SABES produces an online newsletter entitled *Sterling Notes*. The works of students and faculty are published here to read. There is a range of poems, stories, essays, and articles that are published primarily by students and alumni. The newsletter also provides links to social media outlets where they post updates for events, activities, and volunteer and service opportunities (<https://sterlingnotes.wordpress.com/>).

## Employment Opportunities:

### 1. Teacher

Below is a job posting for a teacher position at Kids Express Learning Center.

Kids Express Learning Center is a learning center based in Madison, Wisconsin. They provide classes in sports, gardening, music, world language, nature, and science. This allows kids to freely express themselves and discover new subjects and activities outside of the basic curriculum. The salary for this job is \$35K-\$40K

([https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/teacher-jobs-SRCH\\_KO0,7.htm](https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/teacher-jobs-SRCH_KO0,7.htm)).

Kids Express Learning Center  
**Teacher**  
Madison, WI  
✓ Employer Provided Salary: \$35K-\$40K ⓘ

[Job](#) [Company](#) [Why Work With Us](#) [Location](#)

Here at Kids Express Learning Center, teachers work in teams to create quality environments for children. Working in our nature based environment requires that candidates look favorably at spending parts of each day out of doors with their children. Classroom teams create developmentally appropriate lesson plans following the Wisconsin Early Model Early Learning Standards. To support classrooms, Specialists provide classes in sports, gardening, music, world language, nature and science.

Responsibilities

- Develop curriculum to meet developmental goals and instructional activities
- Exercise open and respectful communication with families, co-workers, supervisors, and other school staff
- Measure progress and accomplishments of students towards their academic achievements on a regular basis and provide progress reports as required
- Create and keep records on attendance, accidents, incidents, and other noteworthy events in accordance with licensing guidelines and program policies
- Attend workshops in order to further advance professional development

Kids Express Learning Center  
**Teacher**

[Job](#) [Company](#) [Why Work With Us](#) [Location](#)

- Manage student behavior in accordance with outlined guidelines
- Provide a safe, thriving, and respectful environment for all students in the classroom and on the school campus

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Teaching credential/certificate/license for corresponding age/grade level
- 2 years of teaching experience
- Highly developed oral and written communication skills
- Ability to build relationships effectively and professionally with families and students
- Experience developing and implementing curriculum
- Physical ability to handle frequent sitting, stooping, bending, pushing, pulling, and moving throughout the room
- Proven ability to maintain a safe and studious classroom environment
- Demonstrated ability to develop and implement age-appropriate curriculum

### 2. Journalist

The following job posting is for the Banyan Hill Publishing company. It is one of the world's leading publishing companies that specializes in independent financial newsletters. This job posting is specifically looking for a political journalist. You will be responsible for writing articles for FreedomWire.com, making appearances on the Freedom Wire Podcast, as well as making appearances on the FreedomWire Youtube channels. The average salary is anywhere between \$24K and \$52K. They also prefer someone with an English degree or the similar

The screenshot shows a job listing for a Political Journalist at Banyan Hill Publishing. The company has a 4.7-star rating and is located in US-Boynton Beach-FL. The salary range is \$24K-\$52K. The job title is Political Journalist. The listing includes an 'Apply Now' button and a 'Remove' button. The job description states that Banyan Hill Publishing is one of the world's leading publishers of independent financial newsletters and is looking for a Political Journalist for its conservative news outlet, FreedomWire. The job requires an interest in politics, a degree in English, Journalism, Broadcasting or similar, and the ability to be deadline-driven and detail-oriented. Responsibilities include writing articles for FreedomWire.com, appearing on the FreedomWire Podcast, and appearing in FreedomWire video segments. Qualifications include a personal interest in politics, a degree in English, Journalism, Broadcasting or similar, and the ability to be deadline-driven and detail-oriented. Banyan Hill offers a wide variety of benefits, programs, and services to their employees, including medical, vision, and dental insurance plans, employer-subsidized parking, a 401(k) plan with employer matching, generous vacation time and paid holidays, fitness programs and discounts, and a casual dress code.

[https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/journalist-jobs-SRCH\\_KO0,10.htm](https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/journalist-jobs-SRCH_KO0,10.htm)

### 3. **Associate Consultant**

This job posting is for a company called Infosys, a global leader in technology services and consulting. You will be working as a Senior Associate Consultant and come up with solutions and recommendations to problems from clients. These problem statements can range from engineering to application development, knowledge management and

business process management. The average salary is \$41K-\$54K

([https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/associate-consultant-jobs-SRCH\\_KO0.20\\_IP2.htm](https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/associate-consultant-jobs-SRCH_KO0.20_IP2.htm)).

Infosys 3.1 ★ 📄 Apply Now ❤️ Remove ⋮

[Job](#) [Company](#) [Rating](#) [Salary](#) [Reviews](#) [Why Work With Us](#) [Benefits](#)

**Job Description**

Infosys- EAISBPM, – Senior Associate Consultant- Pega

Infosys is a global leader in technology services and consulting. We enable clients in more than 50 countries to create and execute strategies for their digital transformation. From engineering to application development, knowledge management and business process management, we help our clients find the right problems to solve, and to solve these effectively. Our team of 190,000+ innovators, across the globe, is differentiated by the imagination, knowledge and experience, across industries and technologies, that we bring to every project we undertake

**Wanted: Global Innovators to Help Us Build Tomorrow's Enterprise**

As a Senior Associate Consultant, you will be a key player in the consulting team that helps discover and define the problem statement, evaluates the solution options and makes recommendations. You will create detailed design, architecture and process artifacts and implement the deployment plan. You will also support knowledge transfer with the objective of providing value-adding consulting solutions that enable our clients to meet the changing needs of the global landscape

Location for this position is Connecticut, CT. This position may require travel and/or relocation U.S. citizens and those authorized to work in the U.S. are encouraged to apply. We are unable to sponsor at this time.

**Qualifications**

**Qualifications**

**Basic**

- Bachelor's degree or foreign equivalent required from an accredited institution. Will also consider three years of progressive experience in the specialty in lieu of every year of education
- At least 2 years of experience with Information Technology

**Preferred**

- At least 2 years of experience in in depth hands on application development experience in Pega PRPC v6.x/v7.x and Pega frameworks
- At least 2 years of experience in creating requirement specifications based on Architecture/Design /Detailing of Processes
- Excellent object-oriented analysis and design skills and system integration skills.
- Should be Pega certified Senior Systems Architect (CSSA)
- Experience designing and developing process based solutions or BPM (business process management)
- Experience in working on various rules and features like Flows, Activities, User Interface, Flow Actions, Agents, SLA, Correspondence, Security, Reports, Listeners (File, MQ), Connectors etc
- Experience in full PRPC implementation cycle including enterprise Class Structure design and Rulesets design
- Implement best practices in PEGA architecture / design / coding

- Ability to work and communicate effectively with program management
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- Strong communication, problem-solving skill
- Experience and desire to work in Global offshore/onshore model.
- Experience and desire to work in a management consulting environment that requires regular travel

**About Us**

Infosys is a global leader in consulting, technology and outsourcing solutions. We enable clients, in more than 30 countries, to stay a step ahead of emerging business trends and outperform the competition. We help them transform and thrive in a changing world by co-creating breakthrough solutions that combine strategic insights and execution excellence.  
EOE/Minority/Female/Veteran/Disabled/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity/National Origin

**Auto req ID**  
52626BR

**State / Region / Province**  
Connecticut

**Country**  
USA

## Style Guide:

MLA format is the most commonly used style guide for English majors. MLA format is typically used by students and writers preparing manuscripts in various humanities disciplines. This format requires that you use double-space spacing, legible font such as Times New Roman, and a 12 point font. The margins of the document are set to one inch on all sides and the first line of each paragraph is required to be indented one half-inch from the left margin. This can be done using the "Tab" key. Headers are placed in the top right corner and should be labeled as "Last Name page number." In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, your name, your instructor's name, the course name, and the date should be listed in that order.

Your works cited page should be listed using the eighth edition. The elements in your citation should be listed in the following order: author. Title of source, title of container, other contributors, version, number, publisher, publication date, location. A period follows after the author, title of source, and location. The rest of the elements are followed by a comma. Names of books are in italics and names of webpages, articles, and songs are in quotation marks. When creating in-text citations, you include the author's last name and page number. For example, Jack expressed to Algernon, "I wanted to be engaged to Gwendolen, that is all. I love her" (Wilde 79). Also pay attention to how the period is placed after the in-text citation. Let's say that we did not know the name of the author. We would then just include the page number. For example, Jack expressed to Algernon, "I wanted to be engaged to Gwendolen, that is all. I love her" (79). The following are examples of citations for different types of texts:

1. Book

Leroux, Marcel. *Global Warming: Myth or Reality?: The Erring Ways of Climatology*. Springer, 2005.

2. Article

Dean, Cornelia. "Executive on a Mission: Saving the Planet." *The New York Times*, 22 May 2007, [www.nytimes.com/2007/05/22/science/earth/22ander.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/22/science/earth/22ander.html?_r=0). Accessed 29 May 2019.

3. Online Database

---. "Global Warming Economics." *Science*, vol. 294, no. 5545, 9 Nov. 2001, pp. 1283-84, DOI: 10.1126/science.1065007.

4. Movie

*An Inconvenient Truth*. Directed by Davis Guggenheim, Paramount, 2006.

5. Textbook

Milken, Michael, et al. "On Global Warming and Financial Imbalances." *New Perspectives Quarterly*, vol. 23, no. 4, 2006, p. 63.

All entries are always double spaced and end with a period. If the citation exceeds one line, each preceding line is indented. All works are ordered in alphabetical order by the first word that shows in the citation.

## Works Cited

“About Us.” *Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society*,

[www.english.org/about/index.shtml](http://www.english.org/about/index.shtml).

“Analysis.” *Dictionary.com*, Dictionary.com, [www.dictionary.com/browse/analysis](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/analysis).

“DICTATION: Definition in the Cambridge English Dictionary.” *Dictionary.cambridge.org*,

[dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/dictation](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/dictation).

“English Literary Renaissance.” *English Literary Renaissance*, vol. 43, no. S1, 2013, pp. 1–13.,

doi:10.1111/1475-6757.12018.

“Figurative Language - Examples and Definition.” *Literary Devices*, 7 Mar. 2019,

[literarydevices.net/figurative-language/](http://literarydevices.net/figurative-language/).

“Genre - Examples and Definition of Genre.” *Literary Devices*, 19 Oct. 2017,

[literarydevices.net/genre/](http://literarydevices.net/genre/).

Grey, Lennox, et al. “National Council of Teachers of English College Section.” *College English*,

vol. 3, no. 6, 1942, p. 584. *JSTOR*, doi:10.2307/370951.

“Inference.” *Vocabulary.com*, [www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/inference](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/inference).

“MLA Formatting and Style Guide.” *The Purdue OWL*, 2 Aug. 2016,

[owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/).



“Point of View - Examples and Definition of Point of View.” *Literary Devices*, 26 Nov. 2017,  
[literarydevices.net/point-of-view/](http://literarydevices.net/point-of-view/).

“Socratic Seminars - ReadWriteThink.” *Readwritethink.org*,  
[www.readwritethink.org/professional-development/strategy-guides/socratic-seminars-30600.html](http://www.readwritethink.org/professional-development/strategy-guides/socratic-seminars-30600.html).

“Stanza - Examples and Definition of Stanza.” *Literary Devices*, 3 Sept. 2017,  
[literarydevices.net/stanza/](http://literarydevices.net/stanza/).

“Sterling Notes.” *Sterling Notes*, 10 Mar. 2018, [sterlingnotes.wordpress.com/](http://sterlingnotes.wordpress.com/).

“Theme - Examples and Definition of Theme.” *Literary Devices*, 27 Feb. 2019,  
[literarydevices.net/theme/](http://literarydevices.net/theme/).

The Writing Center Journal. *Writing Center Journal*, 1980. *JSTOR*,  
[www.jstor.org/journal/writcentj](http://www.jstor.org/journal/writcentj).

“Voice - Examples and Definition of Voice.” *Literary Devices*, 10 Feb. 2019,  
[literarydevices.net/voice/](http://literarydevices.net/voice/).