

Early College Experience: Composition I/ Summer Reading

Questions for the Book *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser

Due Date: First day of Classes to Turnitin (which I will show you how to do)

[Friendly Warning: Be aware that you will be submitting your answers to a plagiarism website (Turnitin), which will scan your answers against the Internet. You would, therefore, want to make sure your answers are indeed your answers.]

Directions: Please type your responses, and make sure your name is on every page.

1. In no less than 100 and no more than 250 words, state what Zinsser's book is about. In other words, what is the subject matter of the book, and how does the author present the material?
2. In no less than 100 and no more than 250 words, state what made Zinsser write this book. In other words, what do you think was bothering Zinsser enough to sit-down and write a book on writing?
3. In no less than 150 and no more than 250 words, summarize any two sections from the book, along with the author's major ideas and conclusions about writing and the author's support for his conclusions in those sections. (What evidence does Zinsser use to help support his ideas/conclusions about how to write well?)
4. In no less than 200 and no more than 300 words, state whether you agree or disagree with any of the author's conclusions concerning writing and why.
5. In no less than 200 and no more than 300 words, state what difference reading this book has made in your life concerning how to write well.
6. In no less than 200 and no more than 500 words, list and explain SEVEN pieces of writing advice (quotes) that Zinsser gives, which you think are the most helpful. For the explanation, explain why you think why and/or how they are helpful for writing.