

**English 1A – Composition**  
**Spring 2007, San José State University**  
**Section 03: TTh 07:30-08:45, DMH 354**

**Super Extra Credit Assignments**

**Due Dates**

You may elect to do one, two, three, or none of these assignments. You may submit an assignment at any time before its deadline, but not after its deadline:

- Super Extra Credit #1 due February 27th
- Super Extra Credit #2 due March 22nd
- Super Extra Credit #3 due May 3rd

**Instructions**

- 1. For whichever Super Extra Credit assignment you wish to do, first select one text from the appropriate list on page two of this handout.**

For instance, if you want to do Super Extra Credit #1, select something from List #1, and so on. If you want to do Super Extra Credit #2 but didn't do Super Extra Credit #1, you must still select something from List #2.

- 2. Read the text, and then write a 1 1/2 to 2 page (500-600 words) response to it.**

A reading response contains your thoughts and feelings about, and your reaction to, the text you read. You must still adhere to the basics of good writing, in that your response must have a clear introduction, supporting paragraph(s), and conclusion, and must follow the rules of grammar.

Your responses must be in 12-point font, double-spaced with one-inch margins, and must conform to MLA citation and formatting guidelines—just like the longer out-of-class essays.

- 3. Submit an electronic copy to TurnItIn.com and a hard copy to your instructor.**

There will be a specific place in TurnItIn.com for you to upload these Super Extra Credit assignments.

### **LIST #1**

Alexie: "Superman and Me"	<a href="http://www.fallsapart.com/superman.html">http://www.fallsapart.com/superman.html</a>
Frost: "The Road Not Taken"	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/104/67.html">http://www.bartleby.com/104/67.html</a>
Hawthorne: "The Minister's Black Veil"	<a href="http://www.eldritchpress.org/nh/mbv.html">http://www.eldritchpress.org/nh/mbv.html</a>
Levine: "What Work Is"	PCW 550-551
Emerson: "Friendship"	<a href="http://www.emersoncentral.com/friendship.htm">http://www.emersoncentral.com/friendship.htm</a>
Poe: "The Raven"	<a href="http://www.eapoe.org/works/poems/ravenw.htm">http://www.eapoe.org/works/poems/ravenw.htm</a>
Zinsser: "College Pressures"	PCW 466-472
Dickinson: any THREE poems from the "Life" category	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/113/index1.html">http://www.bartleby.com/113/index1.html</a>

### **LIST #2**

Cather: "Paul's Case"	<a href="http://www.classicshorts.com/stories/paulscase.html">http://www.classicshorts.com/stories/paulscase.html</a>
Darwin: any TWO sections of <u>The Origins of Species</u>	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/11/">http://www.bartleby.com/11/</a>
Emerson: "Self-Reliance"	<a href="http://www.emersoncentral.com/selfreliance.htm">http://www.emersoncentral.com/selfreliance.htm</a>
Hawthorne: "The Birthmark"	<a href="http://www.eldritchpress.org/nh/bm.html">http://www.eldritchpress.org/nh/bm.html</a>
Poe: "Hop-Frog"	<a href="http://www.eapoe.org/works/tales/hopfrgb.htm">http://www.eapoe.org/works/tales/hopfrgb.htm</a>
Tan: "Mother Tongue"	PCW 487-492
Dickinson: any THREE poems from the "Nature" category	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/113/index2.html">http://www.bartleby.com/113/index2.html</a>
Winn: "Television: The Plug-In Drug"	PCW 351-358

### **LIST #3**

Swift: "A Modest Proposal"	PCW 733-740
Emerson: "The American Scholar"	<a href="http://www.emersoncentral.com/amscholar.htm">http://www.emersoncentral.com/amscholar.htm</a>
Chesnutt: any ONE story at this URL	<a href="http://eserver.org/fiction/chesnutt/">http://eserver.org/fiction/chesnutt/</a>
Hawthorne: "My Kinsman, Major Molineaux"	<a href="http://www.eldritchpress.org/nh/mm.html">http://www.eldritchpress.org/nh/mm.html</a>
Melville: "Bartleby, the Scrivener"	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/129/">http://www.bartleby.com/129/</a>
Poe: "The Murders in the Rue Morgue"	<a href="http://www.eapoe.org/works/tales/morguef.htm">http://www.eapoe.org/works/tales/morguef.htm</a>
Dickinson: any THREE poems from the "Love" category	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/113/index3.html">http://www.bartleby.com/113/index3.html</a>
Grimm: any THREE tales from this URL	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/17/2/">http://www.bartleby.com/17/2/</a>