

Engl 96IQ (MUSE), Fall 2009: Board Games
First Essay Assignment; Due Sept. 10

Your first essay assignment is short and personal: write about 250 words (less than two typed and double-spaced pages) on the subject of board games in your life. Your essay should have a point to make – its thesis – and that thesis should be clearly stated in the first paragraph, and then supported and developed in the rest of the essay. Limit the amount of description in your essay dealing with either game-play or the appearance of a game – assume your reader is familiar with the rules and layout of the game or games you are discussing, unless something about those rules or layout is both unusual and crucial to your essay. Instead, concentrate on the connection between you and the game or games under discussion, or between you and the situation in which the game or games were played. Be sure to proofread carefully: many people find it more difficult to proofread effectively text on a computer screen instead of a printed page, so you may want to print out your last draft, work on that, and then submit the corrected final file online. When you are proofreading, keep a dictionary (to check the spellings and meanings of any words of which you are not completely certain) and a composition handbook (from an English class) handy.