Description: This course is the second semester of the University’s freshman composition program. It is devoted to developing critical reading and writing skills. It contains a short research component near the end of the semester. Engl 1B addresses all the SLOs as listed on the department’s website: www.sjsu.edu/English/undergraduate/studentlearninggoals.html. The SLOs for general Ed are found at sjsu.edu/ugs/assess_report/GE_Objective_Assess_Table.pdf.

Required Texts:
Argument in America, ed. Jack Selzer (Penguin) [AA]
A collegiate dictionary
An English handbook (e.g., The Bedford Handbook)

If you order these or any other books on line from one of these vendors found in the link below, the English Department receives a premium as a contribution: http://www.sjsu.edu/english/donations/

Grading: essays 70%; final exam 20%; class participation 10%

Schedule of Readings and Assignments
Aug 22: Introduction
  29: Leopold AA 29-45; TIMED ESSAY
Sept 05: Cronon AA 46-73; Workshop
  12: ESSAY DUE
  19: Emerson AA 98-114
  26: Eliot AA 115-123; DuBois AA 124-138; White AA 139-141
Oct 03: TIMED ESSAY
  10: White AA 139-141; Workshop; Kozol AA 142-158; ESSAY DUE
  17: Stern AA 159-160; Rich AA 164-171; Brownmiller AA 182-185; Strossen AA 186-191
  24: Kristol 192-195, Cleaver 197-202; Workshop
  31: Thoreau 334-349; Van Dusen 386-393; ESSAY DUE
Nov 07: Fallows 425-443
  14: Rodriguez 456-467
  28: ESSAY DUE; FINAL EXAM PREP
Dec 05: TIMED ESSAY; Final Exam Prep
  08: Final Exam