

Addendum to Writing Program Information: Student Writing Samples from Fall 2010
English 098

In our discussion of the point that sometimes a student's final grade might be "U," but the teacher will recommend that the student still move forward to the next class (here, English 099), it may be easier to show a couple of examples than talk about hypothetically.

Student #1 will earn a grade of "U," and I will recommend that he take English 095 because of a combination of very weak writing skills and even weaker work habits that have led to missing practically every assignment and many days of class.

Reading

by Student #1

I use to have a hard time reading through my life but as I read more I got better and better then as I got through my reading skills I find out what was my mistakes was and then I came back and fix them right away and every since then I like to read one a day I have to pick up a book and read as least three pages everyday so now when I pick up a book and read it I understand it a lot and I got so good I can read the book and tell u I read now many years ago I could read a book and didn't understand a word I was reading and that was a sad part of me but now I can really understand what I read but man I use to hate it so much that I could care less then I have to woke up and say giving up is not a choice so I just have to sit down and handle my business and that's what I'm doing son now I'm focus and ready to go and get done with this stuff so I can go to the next level and stop doing stupid things like not coming to class always being late and I know now I was only hurting myself and that was a bad thing to do and now I feel stupid for what I have done because now it's coming back to get me when all I have to do is come to class and do my work and stay focus I wish I was not playing around because I would not be in the place I'm in now only if I would have listen to everybody that's was trying to help me

Student #2 missed the first month of class and all of the assignments and instruction for that time. He has also missed some work since he's joined the class. He will earn a grade of "U" because he cannot earn enough satisfactory credit to meet the requirements for an "S." However, since he joined the class, he has worked hard, most of the time, and has made very good progress. If he continues in this vein for the remainder of the semester, I will recommend that he move to English 099 in spite of his failing English 098.

How the Bible is Part of My Life

by Student #2

For a long time, when I was out there in the world, I knew of the Bible but did not understand it. Things in the Bible can be a testimony to someone that is going through something. The Bible is instruction on how you should live your life. The word Bible stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth. God did what I thought was impossible, he reached deep inside of me and began to clean me up and open my eyes to things that I was blind to. There is a passage in the Bible where God spit on the ground and made clay and rubbed it in the blind man's eyes and told him to go to the pool and rinse it out and then he will see. This passage reminds me of how I began to read the Bible and it opened up my eyes to the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the Lords word. When you are out there in the world, God is still there with you even when you feel you do not have time for him. In your darkest hour, you will try to do things on your own instead of letting God fight your battle and you just stand still. Take me for instance I started using drugs at the age of 15 and started to put cocaine in my marijuana at the age of 21. I had two kids by this age and was jumping from job to job. I started to use drugs on a regular basis and started to care about no one but me. I became down on myself lost my job and got behind on my child support and then became homeless and hungry. I went around in circles for about 15 years. My brother that is a pastor had been praying for me. He told me to try giving my life to Christ. Let me tell you God reached in the bottom of the barrel that I was in, took me by my hand and pulled me out of the mora clay and placed my feet on solid ground. Reading the bible is part of my life. In reading passages from the Bible, it teaches you how to read and break down and study the Lord's word. The words that you read in the Bible, that you do not understand, are in the back of some books. For you all that do not believe, give God a try and watch changes begin to take place in your life.