

EAP 1620C SYLLABUS – Spring 2025

ADVANCED READING FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

(CRN 21309)

Mixed Mode: WC 5-251 (Tuesdays, 11:30am - 12:45pm) & [Canvas](#)

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Required Materials:

1. **Animal Farm**, Orwell; ISBN 9780451526342
2. **Reading Explorer 5 AME SB SPAR – w/Online Workbook** (3rd ed.), Douglas; ISBN 9798214085661

Catalog Description: Students develop ability to comprehend and interpret authentic college-level texts in content areas by applying appropriate reading strategies. Competencies: 1) improving English vocabulary, 2) locating key concepts, 3) reading critically, 4) reading for study and enjoyment, and 5) reading a variety of materials, such as texts, periodicals, journals, and electronic materials. Required lab work is a component of this course. A departmental final exam is required. Minimum grade of “C” is required for successful completion. College credit may apply.

Prerequisite: Demonstration of required level of English proficiency or minimum grade of “C” in EAP 1520C and EAP 1500C or EAP 1586C

Corequisite: None

Major Topics/ Concepts/ Skills/ Issues:

1. Comprehension
2. Vocabulary
3. Critical Thinking
4. Reading Concepts & Strategies

Classroom Policies

Late/Makeup Work: No late work will be accepted unless extraordinary circumstances are involved. These circumstances will be determined on a case-to-case basis and ultimately decided by the instructor. Most class meetings will include an **in-class activity** (3 points) that **CANNOT** be made up if a student is absent! There will be **NO** "extra credit" or new "make-up" work during *or* at the end of the semester for individual students.

Academic Honesty: Plagiarism and other forms of cheating will **NOT** be tolerated. If your name is on an assignment, it **must** be your original work. If you don't know if something is permitted, ask the instructor. Academic dishonesty can result in a "0" assignment grade, "F" in the class, and even **expulsion from Valencia College**. Please see the "Academic Integrity & AI Policy" [Page](#) and "EAP West Academic Dishonesty Levels 5-6.pdf" under our **Canvas Modules** for more detailed information.

Withdrawal: The withdrawal deadline is **March 14**. Students withdrawing before that date will receive a "W". After that date, students may no longer withdraw themselves.

Required Lab: [Spark \(Nat Geo\)](#) is a required lab component in the **EAP 1620C** course. Please follow the instructions in your [Reading Explorer 5](#) (3rd ed.) book and [Course Materials \(EAP 1620C\) Page](#) to register.

Students with Special Needs: Any student with special needs that may affect his/her progress in this course should notify the instructor as early in the semester as possible.

Email: Please see the [Course Communications Page](#) and "How to Email a Professor.doc" on the instructor's [Faculty Website](#).

Evaluation and Grading Scale: EAP courses use a ten-point scale, with "C" as the minimum passing and advancement grade for each course.

Grades That Satisfy EAP Course Requirement

Grade	Percentage
A	90 - 100%
B	80 - 89%
C	70 - 79%

Grades That Do Not Satisfy EAP Course Requirement

Grade	Percentage
D	60 - 69%
F	0 - 59%

Determination of Final Course Grade

Assignment Category	Percentage
Reading Explorer 5 (10) & Other Assignments	25%
Spark (Nat Geo) (12) & In Class Activities	20%
Animal Farm (6) & Other Quizzes	20%
Reading Explorer Tests (2)	15%
Animal Farm In Class Essays (2)	10%
1620C Final Exam (Multiple-Choice)	10%
Total	100%

College-wide Final Examinations: The “EAP 1620C Final Exam” (**multiple-choice**) is a comprehensive, college-wide departmental exam scheduled for **Final Exam week** (April 21 - April 27).

Important Dates

Event	Date
Drop/Refund Deadline	Monday, January 13, at 11:59pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No Classes / College Closed)	Monday, January 20
Animal Farm Midterm Essay (In Class)	Tuesday, February 25, from 11:30am - 12:45pm
Withdrawal Deadline for “W” grade	Friday, March 14, at 11:59pm
Spring Break (No Classes / College Closed)	Monday, March 17 - Sunday, March 23
Animal Farm Final Essay (In Class)	Tuesday, April 15, from 11:30am - 12:45pm
EAP 1620C Final Exam	Wednesday, April 23 (12:00am) - Saturday, April 26 (11:59pm)

Students are encouraged to take advantage of [Online Tutoring services](#) provided by Valencia College. Visit [Reading, Writing, Speech & EAP Tutoring](#) for virtual **help**. The [West Campus Communications Center \(5-155\)](#) also has multiple **lab instructors** to assist students **in person!**

For questions related to **acquiring course materials** and **technical issues** (e.g. [Spark \(Nat Geo\) registration](#)), students are *first* encouraged to utilize the resources above. Lab supervisor **Ms. Amy Downs** (adowns@valenciacollege.edu ; 407-582-1725) is also a *great* resource for finding extra class **support**, including discussing the Animal Farm novel!

Disclaimer: More detailed course information can be found on your **EAP 1620C** [Canvas](#) course. Changes in the **syllabus** and other class information may be made by the instructor at any time during the term by **Announcement**. It is the students' responsibility to check [Announcements](#) and [Inbox](#) DAILY for important class information and possible changes to the **course** and **syllabus**.