

English 1301: Composition I (40219)

Smith's Axioms

An axiom is a declaration—or premise—that can easily be accepted as a truth. Generally, these statements are easily seen as self-evident and based on common sense, helping to promote a clearer understanding of society or philosophy.

Below are five axioms to carry with you on a daily basis throughout this course.

Axiom One

1. Writing is easy; well-crafted writing, however, is hard.

Axiom Two

2. All paragraphs must have five sentences or more to prove a point.

Axiom Three

3. Students *must* avoid contractions in order to increase their academic, formal tones.

Axiom Four

4. Students must follow the MLA guidelines outlined by *A Writer's Reference* or lose a full grade point for incorrect presentation of their papers.

Axiom Five

5. All forms of writing are a focal point of any society. In particular, poetry itself acts as an agent of witness, promoting social change and reformation within a society.