

ESL 115

Question: What is the role of the media and consumerism in American culture?

Unit 1 (7 weeks): **Media / Fake News**

1. **Expository Essay** (major writing assignment)
*What makes people susceptible to fake news?
 - A. Grammar:
 - (1) Verb Tense review
 - (2) Sentence Boundaries
 - B. Reading Skills:
 - (1) annotating a text
 - (2) pre-reading
2. **Write Fake News** (minor writing assignment)
*Read two real news stories on a topic and then create a third follow up that is fake.
3. Write **one paragraph answers** to questions about their created fake news story (major writing assignment)
e.g. Why will your target audience be susceptible to this story, etc.

Unit 2 (7 weeks): **Consumerism**

1. **IMRD research essay** and survey questions (major writing assignment)
*Present results in poster sessions. Use reported speech.
 - A. Grammar:
 - (1) Passive Voice
 - (2) Reported speech / noun clauses
 - (3) Perfect modals for interview Qs (e.g. to express regret)
 - B. Reading Skills:
 - (1) Tracking repeated ideas (demonstratives – needed in journal art)
2. **Opinion piece** for student newspaper (based on IMRD topic) (major writing assignment)
- 3 **PowerPoint and presentation** on an evaluation of a product or service

Unit 3 (2 weeks): **reflections, review, and finals**

Novel (or non-fiction) – Literature Circles

- A. Grammar
 1. Question formation

2. Conditionals for questions.

2. Summaries

A. Grammar:

(1) Adjective Clauses

(2) reduced adjective clauses

3. Book report