**English 117B--Introductory Writing**

Overview: This is just a warm-up exercise to give me a sense of what my students are interested in and how well they express their ideas in writing. It will be graded like a homework assignment (10 points) not like a “diagnostic” essay, but please do your best in terms of development and grammar. The better the grammar, the less time I’ll have to spend on grammar in class.

Directions:

1. Paste the questions below into a Word document and type up your answers to them. Please use full sentences and aim for at least a sentence or two for each question.
2. When you’re finished, save it, then submit it to the course’s Turnitin.com folder called “Introductory Essay.” The course password is “filmbuff” (without the quotes), and the course number is 11798920.
3. I’d also like these on paper, though, so I can comment and give you your score. I’ll collect them Friday at the beginning of class.

Due: By **Thursday 1/4 by noon**. This will probably be the only time I have something due on a day other than Friday, but it will allow me to read them before class begins next week. It will also be the only time I attempt to read a whole batch of essays online.

Questions:

1. What kinds of things do you like to read (including online)? What kinds of movies do you like, and why? Are there any particular favorite films or books that you would say have had a significant impact on you?
2. Tell me about any cultures other than American that you have an interest in or a connection to. Have you studied a language other than English?
3. Tell me a story about a journey you have taken or would like to take someday. Then tell me what you think this says about you.
4. What is your major (either what you’ve declared or are leaning toward) and what do you plan to do with it?
5. Do you have any questions for me yet? Also, tell me anything else about yourself that I might need to know to teach you better.