

English C Course

Semester 1 2005

Theme: Writing Your Own Life Story

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Course objectives:

- :to develop students' awareness of cultural, social and other related issues
- : to expand upon students' speaking and listening skills and vocabulary
- : to enhance presentation and writing skills
- : to gain confidence in expressing ideas and opinions

Course content:

Students will participate in class, small group, pair, and individual activities in order to complete their "mini-autobiography". A variety of materials (TV shows on video, good examples of autobiography, etc.) will be utilized to help the students. Writing and presentation skills will be learned in small and easy steps. At the end of the semester, the students should make a short presentation on their work.

Information for students:

It may seem difficult to learn writing in English, but it is much easier than it seems when students and the instructor help each other to finish a small amount of writing; 1 page (A4 size) a week. There will be many chances to improving communication skill through interviewing each other, doing crossword puzzles, "Show & Tell," etc.

Textbook/materials:

the interview book (Kodansha) will be used as a textbook. Other materials will be provided by the instructor. Students will be asked to bring a Japanese-English dictionary to each class

Evaluation:

- Participation and performance in class activities: 50%
- Formally evaluated weekly assignments: 30%
- Show & Tell (the final presentation on each "autobiography") 20%

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