

English 1010 Grading

Since it is futile to expect improvement in writing skills without a conscious effort on the part of the student, I encourage effort in 1010 by giving each essay two grades: A quality “Q” grade and an effort “E” grade. For quality I use the Snow College English Dept. Grade Standards for Essays. I explain to the class that these are standard university grading expectations, and that it is important that the student knows exactly how his or her writing measures up to these standards. The effort grade is based on demonstrated effort in the prewrite, using suggestions from prior essay responses, attempting to make revisions based on peer review suggestions, and optional multiple drafts. This grade is weighted equal to the quality grade (Q = 70 (C-) and E= 90 (A-), so total points = 160/200.