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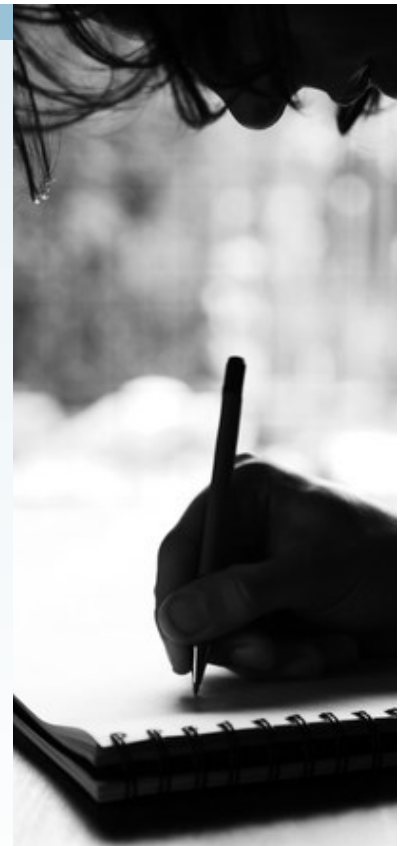
Perspectives Piece

By Raymond Geronimo Lara

Writing communicates thoughts and inner feelings without speaking. To some, writing can be highly therapeutic or a nightmare for others. As for myself, I appreciate the art and creativity that writing produces in others. I began utilizing resources provided by the Writing Center since my first semester in Spring of 2014. It was a humbling experience coming to the WRC. I needed help, but I was too embarrassed to ask.

I understood impromptus and formats asked by my instructors, but I had not yet learned about FANBOYS and comma splices, which prevented me from getting higher letter grades on essays. This made me furious at that time, because I had an overachiever mentality and was prideful when it came to getting help. Each time I came in as a walk-in, or by appointment, I learned something new.

The more knowledge I gained, the more I respected English literature. Now, I am a volunteer at the WRC, which is pretty much self-explanatory; it helps to get help. I encourage those who read this article, if not already, to adopt writing as a hobby and see where it takes you. At the Writing Reading Center, our goal is to help those who genuinely seek it. Those who do, will benefit most from tutors.



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Words of Wisdom

By Athena Keobounnam

"The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and of generosity and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things."

Christmas is a beautiful time of year full of the people you love. I chose this quote because I feel that the spirit of Christmas is not something we should just celebrate and practice only in the month of December, but in everyday life. Each day comes new obstacles that we

must overcome, but we should not be discouraged or forget to be thankful and kind for the people we have in our life.

Being a tutor at the Writing and Reading Center, I have to say I am thankful for all the wonderful people I've met like my supervisors, co-workers, and the students I've helped. It was such an honor to help students of all different backgrounds and skill levels throughout the semester be successful! Happy Holidays!

"Mele Kalikimaka! This is what you may hear if a Hawaiian speaker says, Merry Christmas!"



Grammar Bytes

By Nick Quintana

Mele Kalikimaka! That is what you may hear if a Hawaiian speaker says, Merry Christmas!

This Grammar Bytes is not about grammar; it is about the Hawaiian pronunciation of Merry Christmas. There are many reasons why Merry Christmas can be pronounced as Mele Kalikimaka, but here are the basics. There are only eight consonants in Hawaiian. No more than one consonant can be together, and every consonant must be followed by a vowel. Look below and compare Hawaiian with English to see if you can find the rules discussed above.

Mele Kalikimaka! Merry Christmas!

There are many phonotactic rules that need to be followed, but I just want to make you are aware of these general differences between Hawaiian and English.



A young woman sitting in a grassy field writing in a notebook.

Citation Spotlight

By Rebekah Olson

MLA Online article with 4+ authors:

The author who is first alphabetically by last name, et al. "Article Title." *Website Title*. Publisher, Date of Publication. Web. Date Accessed.

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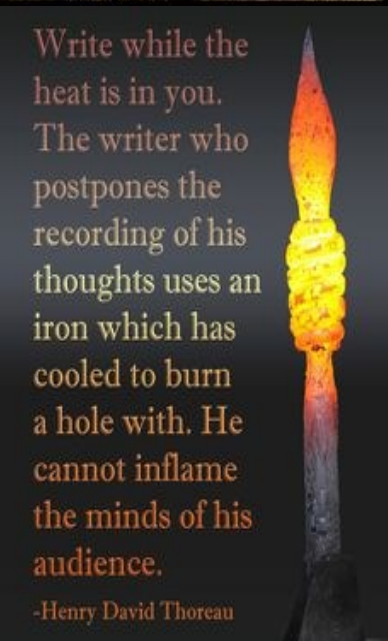
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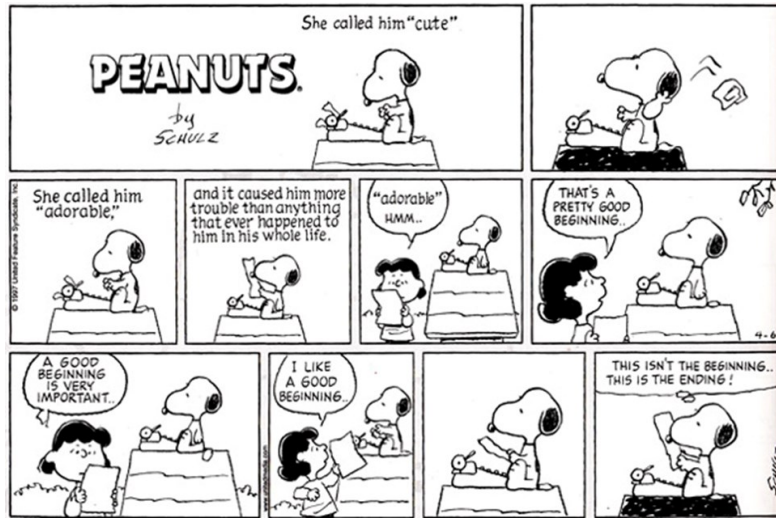
Mayer, M. (Producer), & Clark, B. (Director). (1983). *A Christmas Story* [Motion Picture]. The United States: MGM/UA Entertainment Co.

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BE AFRAID
— TO —
DREAM
— TOO BIG —
NOTHING *is*
IMPOSSIBLE
— IF YOU —
BELIEVE *in*
YOURSELF
— YOU CAN —
ACHIEVE
— IT —
-Nastia Liukin



Comic of the Month

By Melody Kruse

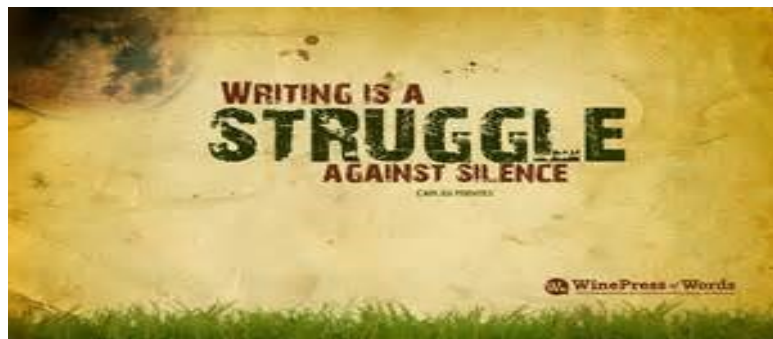


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Tutee of the Month

By Nancy Arredondo

This month the Writing and Reading Center (WRC) would like to congratulate Alejandro Santamaria for his dedication and academic achievements in school. Ever since Alejandro started attending the WRC, the tutors were able to see his interest in improving his reading and writing skills. Even though English was not his first language, Alejandro never let that discourage him from becoming a better writer. At first, Alejandro struggled with some vocabulary words but is now able to write strong and developed essays. What has helped him improve throughout sessions was that he asked questions when he needed clarification, and informed the tutor on what he needed help with specifically in order to prevent those mistakes in the future. Alejandro often makes appointments with us and always takes the suggestions we give him



Meet the Tutors/Staff



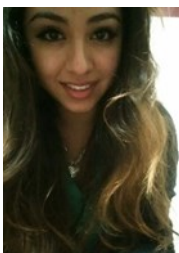
Hi! I am the English for Multilingual Students (EMLS) coordinator in the Writing and Reading Center. I have been working in the Writing and Reading Center since 2011. I graduated from Fresno City College, UC Davis, and Fresno State. While at FCC, I worked in the Public Information Office. I was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the student government, and the Leon S. Peters Honors Program. I believe that getting involved as a student is important. My bachelor's is in English, and my master's degree is in Linguistics with a Teaching English as a Second Language emphasis. I have taught writing and grammar, listening and speaking, reading and vocabulary, TOEFL, and linguistics. I love helping students in the classroom and in the Writing and Reading Center. When I am not teaching or in the WRC, I enjoy spending time with my two boys, wife, and family.



My name is Aristides Aguilera. I was born in Santiago, Chile. This is my first semester as a tutor at the Writing and Reading Center. I am a junior at Fresno State pursuing a double major in the disciplines of anthropology and geography. I have my Associate Degree in Anthropology from Fresno City College. I serve as an active Public Relations officer for the Fresno State Anthropology Club. Also, I am currently involved in the Community Service Scholarship Program through the Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning, where I am interning as Volunteer Coordinator for the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conser-

vation Trust, a community benefit organization. I will also be participating with the Fresno State Institute for Public Anthropology in collaboration with faculty and students from University of California, Davis, on a research report titled, "School, Work, and the Transition to Adulthood of Youth in the San Joaquin Valley."

My experience at the WRC has been very rewarding; it has given me the opportunity to get involved in education, assist other students to think critically, engage the students with the topic or assignment, and to get them to think on their own. My academic goal is to enroll in a PhD program in geography and teach at the university level. Ultimately, I want to emphasize my research on contemporary social issues and public policy that affect our local and global communities.



My name is Nancy Arredondo, and I have been working in the WRC since the Fall semester of 2014. I am a criminology major with an option in victimology at Fresno State. I enjoy working at the WRC because it is amazing to see how students grow and develop through the advice we give them. English was not my first language, and I remember how much the help I got from other people which helped me improve my reading and writing. This is why I believe the WRC does a wonderful job in helping students improve themselves for their future. I also enjoy dancing Folklorico, reading books, traveling, and spending time with my family, boyfriend, and pets.

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Writing and Reading Center

The Writing & Reading Center (WRC) assists Fresno City College students of all abilities and levels with reading and writing assignments across the curriculum, as well as time management and college study skills; we strive to help students attain success in their classes by helping them to improve their writing and reading skills. The WRC is located in the Tutorial Center (LI-134) mezzanine, towards the back.

Meet the Tutors/Staff Continued



My name is Zurisadai Hernandez Cruz. I have been at Fresno City for three years, and my major is post colonial literature. I have so many dreams among them, transfer to Arizona State University, be a published writer, and the ultimate goal is to become a university professor with a home in the woods, fig trees, and plenty of herbs growing in my garden. My family is everything to me, and they are the reason I dream big. I want to travel the world with my younger brother and sister. Working at the WRC makes my heart happy.

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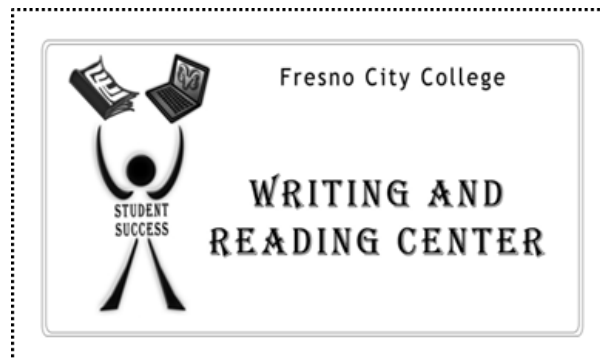
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