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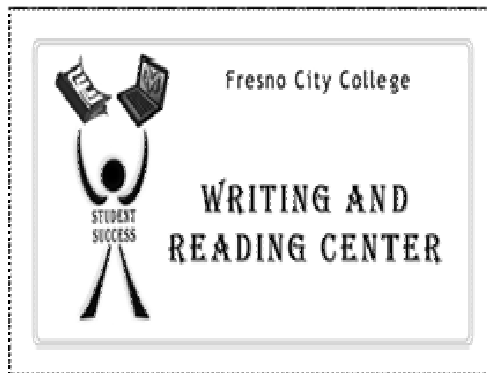
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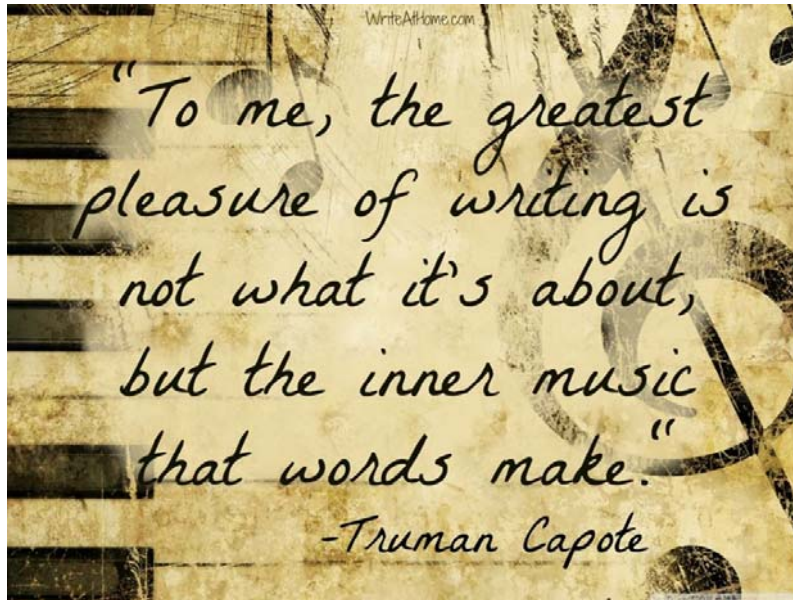
PERSPECTIVES PIECE

Tech It Out

By Daisy Martinez

Whether you're referencing a book, website, or journal, the app RefME can help. RefME helps students cite their citations appropriately. Writing a research paper can be a challenging task in and of itself. Citing the information you obtained can be difficult as well. RefME works by using your phone's camera. The app scans the barcode on the book and magically cites it. No barcode? No problem. You can search by book, article title, ISBN, ISSN, DOI, or URL. Some other features it includes are:

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WORDS OF WISDOM

By Isaiah Rubio

“Practice does not make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect.” –Vince Lombardi

You need to trust the man who has won five NFL championships during his career coaching the Green Bay Packers. Although Lombardi coached football, the basic principle remains the same. It applies to writing. This is something that goes without saying if you want to be a better writer: Read a lot. Write a lot. Those of you who wish to better yourselves in the craft must be aware of these two practices at all times. Reading and Writing require dedication.

The act of doing something towards a goal is what brings consistent rewards. We all live busy lives and we all prioritize different things, but if you were to commit to reading and writing something, anything, each day, then you’re not going to slide back. Be consistent. Even if it sucks, be consistent. This is what Vince Lombardi meant when he came up with these words of wisdom above. People say that practice makes perfect but due to various reasons, not all of us can dedicate time reading about bettering our writing or commit to exercises to help us better understand the basics of grammar. However, what we can all do, what you can do, is to just set aside some time to do something because “perfect practice makes perfect.”

It is terribly easy to not want to get better at reading and writing because it takes up time that you could be spending watching that television show or chilling out with your friends, but it is required of you to want to get better. Reading the cereal box is better than nothing and writing a few lines for that paper due in a couple days is better than brushing it off altogether.

Academic writing requires precision, and precision cannot be reached without getting something down on paper. Once upon a time, Shia LaBeouf declared, “Just do it!” Just do something as you go about your schooling to get better every day. Vince Lombardi knew this, and the only variable that is missing is how much you want to get better. Doing something is better than nothing. Keep striving to be better than the day before. You don’t have to apply Lombardi’s aphorism just to writing; take this quote and apply it to other aspects of your life, too. As always, we at the WRC welcome all those with writing needs to stop by and seek help. As long as you do your best, we can give you our best.



BOOK CORNER

By Caroline Mata

Waifs and Strays by Charles de Lint



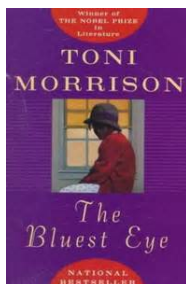
This book is actually a collection of urban fantasy short stories. All stories tackle the theme of coming of age as the characters roam the gritty streets of Bordertown, meet their guardian angels dressed in rags in the fictional Newford and discover faerie worlds in backyards. Characters and tones range throughout the book. Some teenagers are damaged runaways, others are dodging fights between human and elf street gangs, and some are pondering artists. Overall, this collection can fit any mood a reader happens to be in.

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay by Michael Chabon



This novel takes place in New York during World War II with the comic book industry painting a background for the story. Jewish cousins Joe Kavalier and Sammy Clay, one angry over the prejudice of the time and the other coming to terms with sexuality and relationships, create their own comic book, *The Escapist*, in order to cope with these issues. This novel is funny, witty, honest, and bitter, while exploring human anger and the desperation to escape.

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison



This novel takes place in Lorain, Ohio, in 1941 and tells the painful story of young Pecola Breedlove as she obsesses with white beauty and her desire for blue eyes. This novel tackles serious issues of race, prejudice, beauty and self-hate at first through the innocent perspective of young Claudia and then moves through many points of view from different characters. Claudia is funny and innocent, telling the story honestly and with wit, while the sad lives of the other



BOOK CORNER CONTINUED

characters reflect the emotions of Pecola. This book may be difficult to read at times, but it is incredibly relatable and understands how deep-seated racism can affect how people, especially children, feel about

CITATION SPOTLIGHT By Jonah Schneider

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Pollan, Michael. *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*. New York: Penguin, 2006.

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GRAMMAR BYTES

By Vereak Than

As a student of the English language at any level, it is quite easy to simply glaze over a core grammar rule such as subject-verb agreement. However, it is imperative that one understands the basics before attempting the higher order complexities of English writing. That being said, subject-verb agreement is simply the practice of matching the right form of a verb to its respective singular or plural subject, with the use of an “s” at the end of the verb for a singular subject and the lack of an “s” for its plural counterpart. For example, let us use the verb of “suffer” in conjunction with a simple pronoun subject.

Singular: He suffers the indignation of manual labor.

Plural: They suffer the indignation of his incessant whining.

COMICS OF THE MONTH

Selected by Hector Tapia

With the **Oxford Comma**:
We invited the rhinoceri, Washington, and Lincoln.



Without the Oxford Comma:
We invited the rhinoceri, Washington and Lincoln.



Most people don't know what an oxford comma is. In elementary school, they told you that it isn't needed...
THEY LIED.

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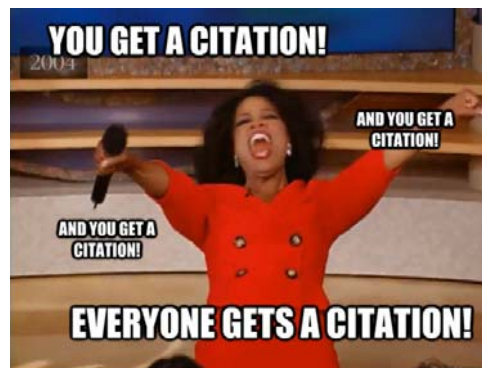


COMICS OF THE MONTH CONTINUED



It is always important to know the proper forms of certain words.
YOU'RE welcome!

"If You Don't Pay Attention in English Class Your Gonna Have a Bad Time." *Quickmeme*. <http://www.quickmeme.com/p/3vuukm>.
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WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

These words of knowledge were inspired by dictionary.com. Hope you all find them just as interesting as I did. - Kathryn Robinson

Palliate- 1. "To relieve or lessen without curing; mitigate; alleviate." 2. "To try to mitigate or conceal the gravity of (an offense) by excuses, apologies, etc.; extenuate."

Brevity- 1. "The quality of expressing much in few words." 2. "Shortness of time or duration; briefness: the brevity of human life."

Asterism- 1. "*Astronomy*. A group of stars." 2. "*Mineralogy*. A property of some crystallized minerals of showing a star like luminous figure in transmitted light or, in a cabochon cut stone, by reflected light."

Intransigent- 1. "Refusing to agree or compromise. Uncompromising; inflexible." 2. "A person who refuses to agree or compromise, as in politics."

Cognomen- 1. "A surname." 2. "Any name especially a nickname." 3. "The third and commonly the last name of a citizen of ancient Rome, indicating the person's house or family, as "Caesar" in "Gaius Julius Caesar."

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TUTEE OF THE MONTH

By Rebekah Olson

Linda Miller is one of the most uplifting students we have ever had the pleasure to work with in the WRC. From the moment she arrives, she brings with her a positivity and joy that infects everyone around her, something we are always grateful for, especially when school and work can become overwhelming and stressful. One session with Linda can put everything into perspective. She genuinely cares about the people she interacts with and we are pleased to have her be a part of our day. She always comes in ready to put in the effort she needs to and is fully engaged with the tutors, never taking a back seat on her own assignments. Linda never takes a session for granted and builds on every new tip that she picks up along the way, consistently improving upon herself, and it is a pleasure to watch her learn new things every time she comes in and continue to learn and grow in her writing abilities. Being a return student is not an easy feat, but Linda doesn't let anything hold her back, always eager to keep moving forward with a smile and determination. It is for these reasons that we are proud to name Linda Miller our Tutee of the Month. Congratulations, Linda!





MEET THE TUTORS/STAFF



My name is Harman Gill and I am majoring in business administration. I look forward to transferring to Fresno State soon. My goal is to obtain a master’s degree in business administration. During my free time, I like to watch movies, play sports, and go out with my friends. Before I became a tutor here at the Writing and Reading Center, I used to come here almost every day to get help with my assignments because I wanted to become a better writer. I saw how each tutor inspired and encouraged other students and I want to do that as well.

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