**GRADE ADDENDUM:**

Final Grades will be posted when they are posted. Most likely within 7-10 days after your final exam is finished. Please don’t email me before the 10 days are up. Check your SIS page where you registered for classes – your grades should show up. If not, speak to someone in admissions or counseling.

I am aware you believe you deserve an A. You are always stupefied that you scored A’s on assignments and As and Bs on the quizzes and yet you received only a C or B in the class and you cannot understand how such a thing can happen. Most especially because you already decided you had an A and that is what you need to be admitted to UCLA or USC, or wherever. I don’t know if you are unaware or you believe I am unaware, but a grade of B or C in **ONE** CLASS at Pierce will not prevent you from getting admitted to UCLA or USC. Suggesting otherwise is simply not accurate. Please do not try to imply the grade in my class prevented your happiness and further academic edification at an institution of higher learning because it did not. Something else you did is responsible.

*I will not negotiate your grade*. **UNLESS** I failed to record a grade, or inaccurately recorded a grade – your grade will not change. You earned what you received. You received all the scores you received and you did it all on your own. For better or worse, you did it. Not me.

I am available to sit with you during the first weeks of the semester to offer options on what you can do to succeed. I can help you out right now with the answer – print off PowerPoints, take notes, do the review sheets, and read the chapters. That is what I will tell you if you come and speak with me, and I will ask if you have done this. If you have not, there is nothing I can do. It is all your choice. Free will – to do, or do not – it is a choice.

I am fair in my grading, but if you feel I am not, and you feel I should re-read your final essay, I will. However, I cannot promise you that your grade will remain the same or higher. It may be lowered depending upon how carefully I re-read it. I may have missed mistakes the first time and would have to consider any mistakes in determining a final grade for the essay.

Repeated emails letting me know how you do not agree, will not change the facts unless it is to get me to review your essay very carefully and find any possible additions or subtractions from the original grade. I have requirements for all work turned in. If you are given any time to answer the questions, I expect well written/ produced work. I will not accept work that you would produce had you been sitting in your desk doing it in class. THAT is unacceptable.