

English 102 Proposal:
“Inquiry into Truth and Fiction”
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What is “truth”? This section of English 102 will combine instruction in composition with explorations into what constitutes truth and what is considered fiction. Among the possible lines of investigation are the ways that notions of truth have changed and continue to evolve, whether clear boundaries exist between truth and fiction, how perception and memory influence conceptions of truth, and whether fiction itself can be, contain, or express truth. This section’s reading assignments will be drawn from a range of fields (such as the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and business) and represent a variety of genres; however, an emphasis will be placed on literature, especially dramatic literature. The required texts are: *Rhetoric of Inquiry* (required of all English 102 sections), *Stages of Drama*, 5th Ed., and *The Things They Carried* by Tim O’Brien.