1. The first paper will be a descriptive report on the semantic and/or morphological features of a language that is not native to you (L2). You will search for information in books and journal articles. I recommend that you use the MLA online bibliography, the internet, and other search strategies. Every student should do at least one computer search for recent articles on the topic. See 5th floor reference or Dr. Hallen for help.

2. The purpose of the project is to explore a L2 language in terms of its words, senses, connotations, etymologies, meanings, and semantic relations and/or the roots, affixes, inflections, derivations, parts of speech, lexical categories, and morphological structures. You may either give a general report of the language features with examples, or you may select and analyze a text in the L2 to exemplify the semantic/morphological features.

3. The project assumes twenty hours of work, including library research, organization, writing, formatting, and so forth. You must give citations and avoid plagiarizing when you present information found in reference materials.

4. You will write at least three drafts of the paper with the help of the Writing Fellows program: 1) first draft submitted to Fellows on September 30; 2) second draft incorporating suggestions from Fellows for individual conference October 7-14; 3) final draft for Dr. Hallen on October 21. The expected length of the final draft of the paper is 7-10 doubled-spaced pages in a standard academic format such as MLA, APA, LSA. You must have at least seven full pages. You may exceed the suggested number of required pages, but I would like you to refine and focus the material.

5. The report should have a cover sheet with a title, your name, the date, and so forth. The cover sheet does not count as one of the pages in the report. The title should appear again at the top of the first page of text. Each page thereafter should have a page number and your last name for identification. You must include a selected bibliography or works cited.

**Evaluation**

If you are late or absent on the due dates, then your grade will be penalized. Please communicate with me if you have problems that day. Come to class and negotiate a solution with me so that your grade will not be lowered. I will evaluate the report by five criteria; each area will be worth three points for a total of fifteen points.

- **Content:** detail, support, accuracy, focus.
- **Organization:** cohesion, connections, completeness.
- **Creativity:** original thinking, shared experience, voice.
- **Expression:** coherence, clarity, standard academic usage.
- **Format:** neatness, spell-check, proof-reading.