Revised schedule of readings and assignments,  
April 21–May 12  
Chris Potts, Writing 1, Spring 2003

Monday, April 21
— A word on the descriptive/prescriptive debate and its connection to the scientific method
— Discussion of chapter 2 of Williams’ Style
— Research techniques, scholarly citation, and bibliographic conventions


— Assignment  Short essay on speech codes. (See the handout called ‘Paragraph-internal organization’, available in PDF at the link called ‘An assignment on paragraph-internal organization’ at the course website.

Wednesday, April 23
Library visit. Meet at McHenry.

Give Chris your short essay on speech codes.

Monday, April 28 (final version of Paper 1 due)
— Introduction to Paper 2
— In-class writing: Select a topic from the list on the Paper 2 assignment, and then imagine that you need to justify the choice to yourself. Why are you well-positioned to write about this topic? Do you have experiences that bear on the topic? Are you simply intrigued, eager to know more?
  
  Note: It is fine to get to the end of this process having decided that you should choose a different topic. This writing doesn’t commit you to anything.

— An initial exploration of Wallace’s wild piece

— Reading

— Assignment  Formulate two questions to get the conversation started during your meeting with Chris.
Wednesday, April 30

Monday, May 5 (rough draft of Paper 2 due)

Wednesday, May 7 (second draft of Paper 2 due)

Monday, May 12 (final version of Paper 2 due)