

Submitting Your Assignments

Via Blackboard

Assignments found within each unit

- Click on **Units** to find your assignments for the week.
- Go into the current unit and find the assignment links.

See the next slide for a screen shot.

Click on the assignment links

The screenshot shows a Blackboard course page for 'Journal 1'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'myUMBC Blackboard' and links for 'myBlackboard', 'Courses', 'Communities', 'Blackboard Help', and 'Library'. On the right, there is a 'Personal Information' menu with 'My Grades' and 'My Activity'. The main content area is titled 'JOURNAL' and contains a journal prompt, a hint, directions, and examples of citations. A callout box on the right contains the text: 'To access your assignment files, submit your assignments AND receive feedback on your graded assignments, click either link.' Two arrows point from this box to two links: 'Journal 1' (with a document icon) and 'Journal Rubric (click here!)' (with a document icon).

myUMBC Blackboard

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Journal 1
Attached Files Journal Rubric (33.5 KB)

JOURNAL

Journal prompt: Why do you think the age of compulsory English education in your country has been lowered? What are the advantages of starting English language instruction early? Are there any disadvantages of an early start? Are your schools a good example of teaching English to young learners? Explain your views and provide examples for support based on your own experience. If compulsory English has not been lowered, explain why not and discuss the other questions.)

Hint: There are problems with lowering the age of compulsory English. Make sure you mention them.

Directions
Journal assignments must be submitted here **by Sunday, April 25, midnight EST** (Eastern Standard Time). A "journal assignment" is a reflection (an **essay**) on the prompt given. Remember for journal prompts you do **not** need to answer each question one by one by the questions in your journal. Think of your journal like an essay that is based on the questions in the prompt. If you use any readings, please cite your sources carefully using APA format. If you need more information about this format, please refer to the <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02>

Note: Please do not email your assignment. Submit it here following the instructions given to you in the Course Orientation.

The grading for journals is based on depth of reflection. Think of your journal as a professional essay about some aspect of knowledge gained through the lecture and readings and connecting it to your own situation. Do this for every journal. *Click on the link below to see how journals will be graded.*

For each journal, you will write an academic essay. This means that you must cite correctly. The following in-text citation examples are provided with this journal. If you use any of the sources below, cite them *IN* the text (in-text citation) and make a reference list. For your reference, the full citation is listed above.

Example of full citation: Nunan, D. (1999). Does younger = better? *TESOL Matters*, 9(3), 3.
http://davidnunan.com/presMess_99Vol9No3.html

Examples of sentences with In-Text Citations with quotes for these readings. Notice punctuation:

- Nunan (1999) argues that lowering the age of compulsory English "isn't necessarily all good news."
- However, lowering the age of compulsory English "isn't necessarily all good news" (Nunan, 1999).

Remember you must use citations for quotes and for paraphrases. Here are in-text citations for the other readings:

- Pinter (2006) or (Pinter, 2006)
- Gilzow (2002) or (Gilzow, 2002)
- Curtain and Dahlberg (2000) or (Curtain & Dahlberg, 2000)
- Shin (2010) or (Shin, 2010)

For more information, make sure you open this document [Journal Rubric \(click here!\)](#)

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Submitting assignments

- ✓ **To submit a file**, click **Browse My Computer** and locate the file to attach, then click **Add**. More than one file can be attached using this method.
- ✓ **To add comments for the instructor**, enter the comments in the **Comments** field. The instructor will receive these comments with the submitted assignment.
- ✓ **To submit the assignment**, click **Submit** to send the assignment to the Instructor.

Submitting assignments

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for uploading an assignment. The page title is "Upload Assignment: Journal 3". The assignment information section shows the name "Journal 3", instructions "JOURNAL", a journal prompt, and a due date of "Sunday, May 9". The assignment materials section shows a submission area with a rich text editor. Two callout boxes provide instructions: a yellow box on the left and a light blue box on the right. The yellow box contains the text: "NEVER submit your assignments in the Comments box. Just use this box to leave your instructor a friendly note." The light blue box contains the text: "Once you complete your assignment, click Browse My Computer to find your assignment and attach it here." The "Browse My Computer" button is highlighted with a red box in the submission area.

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The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for submitting an assignment. The top navigation bar includes 'myJMBc Blackboard', 'myBlackboard', 'Courses', 'Communities', 'Blackboard Help', and 'Library'. The right side has 'Personal Information', 'My Grades', and 'My Activity'. The main content area is titled 'Upload Assignment: Journal 3' and contains three sections:

- 1. Assignment Information:** Name: Journal 3; Instructions: **JOURNAL** with a journal prompt and due date of Sunday, May 9; Points Possible: 100.
- 2. Assignment Materials:** Submission area with a rich text editor and 'Attach File' buttons ('Browse My Computer' and 'Browse Course Files').
- 3. Submit:** Final submission step with 'Cancel', 'Save as Draft', and 'Submit' buttons.

A callout box with a black border and light blue background contains the text: **After your assignment file is attached, click Submit!** An arrow points from this box to the 'Submit' button in the '3. Submit' section.

Congratulations! You're done!