

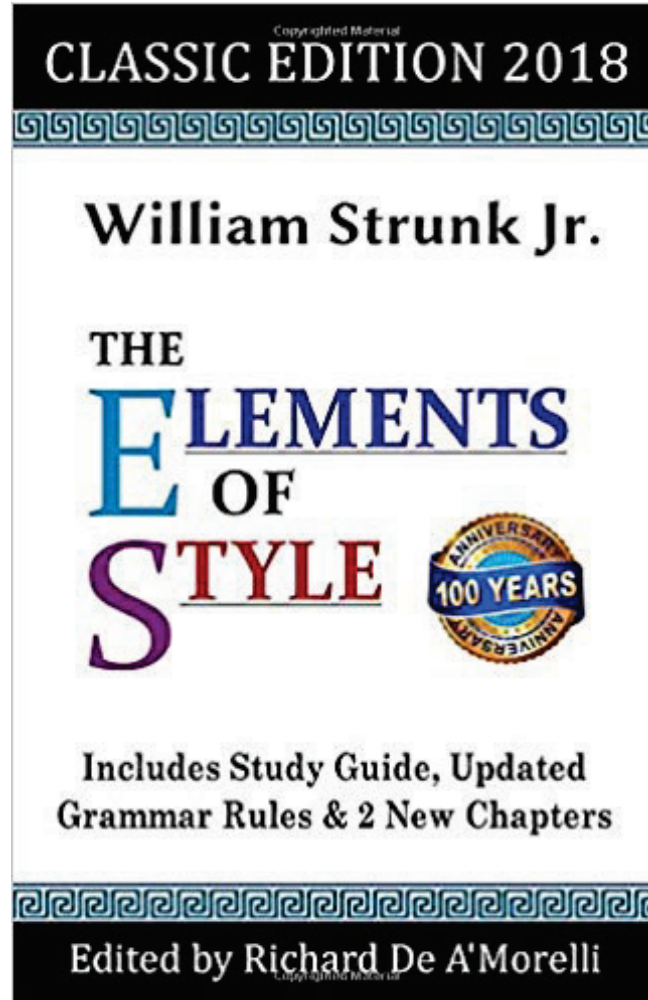
First Paper

- First Paper (25 % of final grade)
 - due **14 Nov** ***BUT*** can be completed well before due date!
 - 5 to 8 pages single spaced; must include references & can include figures, both of which are excluded from the page count
 - expands upon the topic of any class meeting, *other than* class meeting you have or will lead, or explores some other topic related to class
- Various stages for first paper:
 - Thurs, 19 Sept: *description* of paper due
 - <https://myelms.umd.edu/courses/1269254/quizzes/1287072>
- We are looking for a modest amount of independent research outside of the required readings rather than a summary of the required readings
 - Paper should include citations: can consult <http://lib.guides.umd.edu/citationtools> for info on various citation managers
 - Websites can be cited by either placing URL into reference list with an appropriate descriptive label: i.e. EPA, 2016: <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/naaqs-table> or by using footnotes
 - Primary sources should be articles in magazines such as *Scientific American* or *Natural Geographic*, journal articles, government reports, or book chapters

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- Please provide a brief description of your paper, including:
 - a) the topic
 - b) which reading or readings will serve as the starting point for the paper
 - c) how you will expand upon the reading material (i.e., critical analysis of the reading; or, connecting multiple readings; or, relating a reading to the overall objectives of the class)
 - d) any other source material that you envision using
- If your paper is submitted by **Fri, 1 Nov**, you will be **guaranteed** to get instructor feedback prior to the final deadline on **Thurs, 14 Nov**
- Here, you are asked to simply describe what you intend to write about ... you are not being asked to actually write the paper
- While you may change topic after completion of this essay, please speak with Ross if you intend to change topic

Great Resource



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