WRITING 2213F-650 - LOL: HUMOUR WRITING

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Text: In lieu of a text, there will be a range of handouts and/or links to websites posted on the syllabus and the course OWL site for you to read.

Recommended Texts:

Writing Humor: Creativity and the Comic Mind, by Mary Ann Rishel, Wayne State University Press, 2002. (This can be found on Google Books if you type in the title and author)

Course Requirements

LOL: Humour Writing is designed to help you write for greater impact while introducing you to different aspects of the genre, using a blend of online lecture and workshop. You will have the opportunity to write something funny for most weeks, get feedback from me and fellow students, read and critique a variety of humourous stories and watch and critique humourous videos. You should also develop skills in the ability to communicate information, arguments, and analyses accurately and reliably, orally and in writing to a range of audiences while appreciating and writing a range of humour styles for different audiences. Early in the course you will be assigned to small groups that may take turns leading online discussion as well as provide you with peers who can give you feedback on your draft assignments. You