

English 180, Third Place; Professor, Dr. Magdelyn Helwig

The Color Green

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Turns out, the harder a paper seems to be, the easier it is to write. When overly simple, cut-and-dry rubrics are assigned by teachers, my voice becomes caged by the obvious standards the rubric is placing on it, and remains hidden throughout the essay. Instead of my voice

us to grow into stronger writers than we could have ever imagined. The fear and few rules he instilled in us forced our minds to think not only outside of the box, but pretty much outside of this world. I recall sitting down the night before the paper was due, going over everything. I had no rubric, no classmate in him reading the email to the class the next day and getting humiliated

