

**Summarizing and Quoting Assignment 1**  
**ENWR100**

1. What is Rodriguez' central claim in "The Achievement of Desire"?
2. When should you use a quotation in your essay, and when should you simply summarize the writer's ideas? Explain in a few sentences.
3. Write a paragraph in which you explain what Rodriguez means when he says that he is both a good and a bad student (from page 79). In this paragraph use a **signal phrase** to introduce a short quote (one sentence or less) from Rodriguez. (Be sure to appropriately cite the source, using quotation marks, parentheses, and appropriate pagination).
4. Take a paragraph from page 81 of Rodriguez' essay and excerpt it using the ellipsis mark, as discussed in Hacker. Be sure to introduce the quotation with some words of your own, and an appropriate **signal phrase** (different from what you used above).
5. In a brief paragraph, **summarize** what we learn from Rodriguez about his experiences learning English in school. (You do not have to cover everything he learned; you can pick and choose. The point is to practice **summary**. Use a signal phrase (different from what you used above), and be sure to choose the appropriate page numbers, and figure out where to place them.
6. Does learning a new language, one that is different from that used by one's family, change a person? Write a few sentences in which you explain your view of the effects of learning English, and reference Richard Rodriguez in your explanation. When you refer to Rodriguez, drop a few phrases which indicate why he is an **authority**, someone readers might think is a useful person to reference.
7. What does Rodriguez think of Hoggart's description of the scholarship boy? To answer this question, use a mix of your own words and a direct quote from Rodriguez, appropriately introduced, punctuated, and identified through page numbers. After the quote write one or two sentences of your own to finish the point.