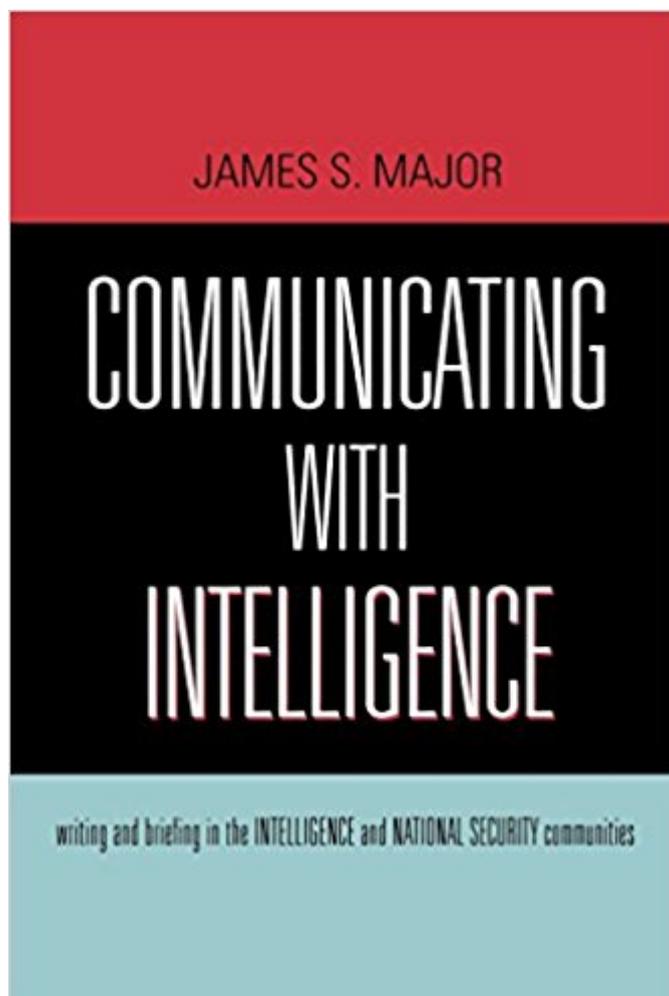


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Synopsis

Since September 11, 2001, colleges and universities nationwide have expanded their curricula to include intelligence and national security studies, many offering degrees in the subjects. Curiously, no book exists for classroom use in teaching the important skills needed by these professionals to ensure their products/papers/reports are properly written or briefed. Communicating with Intelligence fills that gap and is aimed primarily at faculty and students pursuing studies in intelligence, national security, homeland security, or homeland defense; but it also has considerable value for working intelligence professionals who simply wish to hone their "rusty" writing or briefing skills. Designed to provide essential information regarding the preparation of written products or intelligence briefings, the book is divided into two parts. Part One, "Writing with Intelligence," contains material on reading intelligence publications and on the basics of writing in the intelligence profession. Part Two, "Briefing with Intelligence," deals with the fundamental principles of an intelligence briefing and includes information on gaining or regaining self-confidence behind the podium. Every chapter ends with exercises, many of which can be completed in the classroom to facilitate group activity or by an individual pursuing the study independently. Five appendixes provide additional information for quick reference and an annotated bibliography points toward further sources that can be used.

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James Major is a retired intelligence professional who spent years mentoring intelligence officers on how to write clear, concise papers, theses, and monographs that would be of use to policy makers in the Department of Defense and the academic community. This book adds to that mentoring effort and as a magnum opus for a widely respected author and intelligence officer it is essential reading for anyone who is looking to improve their writing skills or simply ensure that their substance and format will be one understood by those who make decisions within our government. The book provides all of the tools that one will need in order to write a clear, well documented, easily understood, paper, briefing, monograph, or even a manuscript for a book. Major focuses on both the substance and format of what must go into a good work, and this book will be extremely useful for students attending Primary Military Education programs - or simply working on an important written product in any educational or governmental program. For those who are looking for a much more easily digestible set of readings than the Chicago Manual of Style or the MLA format, I highly recommend this book. But it will be extremely useful for anyone who wants to become a better writer and briefer or simply is looking for a great resource for citing sources properly. It is vital reading for anyone who is looking to communicate clearly in intelligence, or who wants to write the very best works possible.

For beginning students, writing an intelligence assessment can be an extremely daunting task (believe me-I was at that point back in September). However, Major's book definitely helps readers with writing assessments. Contained within are numerous tips to improve your writing (including how to use the dreaded semicolon), and numerous examples of do's and do not's in writing. Major also inserts some humor into the book, actually making the book not boring to read at all. I definitely recommend this book not only to individuals in the intelligence industry, but also to those who could use a few tips in writing.

Excellent resource for those of us constantly working within the environment. Additionally, this makes an excellent training aid for subordinates.

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