

ASSIGNMENT 3: SECONDARY SOURCE READING RESPONSE PAPERS

Assignment Purpose: To help you develop effective strategies for reading and responding to scholarly articles, chapters, and books.

Assignment Details:

Three times during the quarter, you will summarize and respond to the assigned secondary reading. You must write about the text we've read for the day the assignment is due.

Write about two pages answering the following questions:

- Who is the author? (Google the author to see where s/he teaches, what his/her scholarly interests are, and what other kinds of articles and books s/he has published. I don't want to see a list—read about the author and then synthesize the information. Example: Karen Raber, professor of English at the University of Mississippi, has research and teaching interests in gender and feminism, animal studies, and early modern embodiment.)
- What is the main argument? Where in the text do you find it? How clearly is it stated?
- What are some of the supporting arguments?
- What kinds of evidence does the author use to support this argument?
- How is the article/chapter organized?
- Based on your knowledge of the primary reading, how might you challenge, build on, or add to the author's claims? (This last question should take about a page)