

Brit Lit I, TCC-SEC, Fall 2015, Prof. Culpepper

Instructions for Reading Responses

These will be short, tightly focused responses to reading assignments. Aim for about 250-350 words. (Ideally, a response will fit on one page but fill it.) Do *not* summarize the reading or try to give a general overview of the whole thing. Instead, focus specifically on one part or aspect of the text that you find particularly interesting, provocative, confusing, annoying, puzzling, enlightening, maddening, offensive, inspiring, or whatever. Speculate, theorize, interpret, reflect, etc.

Include a page number for the passage(s) being discussed and quote just a little bit of it in your response to illustrate what you are talking about, to keep your comments tied specifically to the text, and to give a sense of the writer's style and tone.

Comments making connections between reading selections on the reading list for this course and/or linking these readings to reading you have done elsewhere are also welcome, as long as the relevance is clear.

Please do *not* discuss whether you liked the selection or not, whether you were bored or not, and other irrelevant and/or unsupportable claims based purely on individual preferences.

Note: These *don't* have to be formal (meaning that first-person, contractions, and the occasionally slangy expression are fine), but they *do* have to be intelligible (standard grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc., are expected, as is careful proofreading).

Point value: 30 points each

Submission protocol: MLA formatting; submit through SafeAssign on Blackboard *and* bring a paper copy to class

Deadlines: Due by the start of class on the date indicated on the syllabus.