

## **Book Club Essay**

For your book club project you will compose, individually, a 3-4 page essay that analyzes your book club experience and the reading habits you employed/developed. This is a formal essay that should consider the following:

- What tactics did you use when reading your book to help you be prepared to contribute to book club discussion? Be specific and provide examples of support.
- What skills/activities did your book club group use to help with reading comprehension? Be specific and provide examples of support.
- How did the tactics you used when reading the book on your own and the skills/activities used in book club discussion help you comprehend the novel? Be specific and give examples of support.
- Discuss one major theme in the book, citing specific examples from journals and book club discussion, and how the skills/activities discussed previously helped you analyze the theme.
- What did you learn from this book club experience about your reading habits and analytics skills? How might it assist you in future courses?

Your essay should be in MLA or APA format and include all the components of a formal essay. See schedule for due date.

A note on grading: The book club essay counts towards both ENGL101E and ENGL144 grades.

### **How I will Evaluate Your Work**

I am using something called "spec" grading to evaluate and assign a grade for your essay draft. The grade is the result of quantity--or just doing what I'm asking you to do--and, quality in regards to your presentation. As explained in the syllabus, your work on this project is worth 10% of your grade. (5% for each part)

#### **In order to earn a "B" grade for that 10%**

- You must read your book club book, write in class journals, and participate in group discussion
- Develop an essay that responds to the prompt and is at least three full pages.
- Includes examples from book club discussions and journals to support claims.
- Uses MLA or APA citation with minimal errors.

#### **In order to earn an "A" grade for that 10%**

- You must read your book club book, write all in class journals that show thoughtful reflection in regards to the course material/discussions, and participate in group discussion.
- Develop an essay that responds to the prompt and is more than three full pages.
- Includes specific and detailed examples from book club discussions and journals to support all claims.

- Uses MLA or APA citation with no errors.

**In order to earn a "C" grade for that 10%**

- You must read your book club book, write most in class journals, and participate in most group discussion.
- Develop an essay that responds to the parts of prompt and is less than three full pages.
- Includes minimal examples from book club discussions and journals to support claims.
- Uses MLA or APA citation with multiple errors.

If you do not meet the requirements for a "C" project, you will fail the project for that 10% of your grade.