

Reading Response/Book Circle General Guidelines

Reading 96/97

Reading Response/Book Circles are designed to allow you to explore ideas generated by the readings. As such, they are analytic. You will download directions for each reading response/book circle and respond in writing (typed, word processed) by the due date. I expect you to write at least one full page for each response. Let me clarify.

Each response will have 2-5 questions or comments that you should think about in relation to the reading. Then you will want to explore the subject on paper. The TOTAL length to address ALL areas is one page. So, if I've given you two suggestions, you would write about ½ page for each; if there are five, you would not have to write as much for each. However, you may write more if you wish—less will affect your score adversely.

In addition to the full page of analytic responses, I expect you to generate two open-ended questions about the selection. You will type these questions on a separate sheet, leaving space between each to make notes about the verbal responses you get in your group. I suggest you type your first question at the top of the page, then scroll down about ½ way through and type the second one. Then you have room to handwrite your groups' responses during the discussion.