

Reading 96/97 Reading Response/Book Circle Guidelines

The purpose of the *Reading Response/Book Circle* is to explore and share ideas suggested by the reading you are doing. Also, it will give you an opportunity to become actively involved in reading by generating open-ended questions to use during your discussions. These questions and the ideas generated in your *Response/Circle* will help you write your *Reading Logs*.

The procedure involves reading the assigned section of the book, addressing the Reading Response assignment and then generating two open-ended questions to share with your group. These questions should lead to discussions about the reading that will help clarify any confusing areas and help you dive a bit deeper into the themes in the books.

The first *Book Circle* will be a “round robin” to summarize the actions in the first few chapters of the book (specific chapters to be announced). The first student tells one incident at the beginning of the story and passes the story on to the next student until all major incidents in the plot have been recalled. In order to have something to turn in, write a brief timeline of the incidents as they occurred and write two questions you have about the reading so far. Since you must have read the assignment to participate, if you have not, you must write a one page essay (typed, double spaced) summarizing an incident in the story as well as your Reading Response due the day after the *Response/Circle*. This **late** assignment will be considered one of your three allowable **late** assignments—don’t get behind in your work!!! Failure to complete either the on-time project or the late project will mean you have lost the points assigned. Be careful: remember that to pass Reading 096 you need a minimum of 700 points—which means you can only lose 300 points; to pass Reading 097 you need a minimum of 800 points—here you can only lose 200 points!

Subsequent *Reading Response/Book Circles* will require you to read and study a few chapters (assignments noted on the Weekly Assignments), address the *Reading Response* assignment and **type** two discussion questions for those chapters. Note relevant page numbers so you can refer to that section of the book during the discussion. Leave enough space on the paper so you can write group responses (1/2 page should be enough) and record comments as your group discusses your questions. Your questions and answers will go into your folder for credit under *Reading Responses/Book Circle*.