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READING REPORT/RESPONSE: Comments to be posted on Discussion Board
Guidelines

Writing about what you have read is an important form of learning. Writing is also a
very good way to prepare you for yet another form of learning, discussion. Since
preparation for discussion is an important part of your work, the reports will give me
some insight into how you are responding to the course.
Many thoughts take place in your mind when you are reading. Some of these thoughts
might lead you into the comment/report. For example:
- Did anything you read provoke strong feelings? Why? Analyze/decipher your reaction.
- Is there anything in particular that surprised you? Why?
- Did you discover any idea, situation, or action to some larger puzzle you have been
  working on in your mind?
- Do you see any connection with readings from another class?
- Was there anything you read that did not make sense to you? Why?
- Is there any quotation that you found significant? What did you discover about them?
- Do you see patterns emerging from your quotes?

Considering your reactions to the readings, you may:
  1. Pose challenging questions or problems related to the readings—things you
     weren't able to answer for yourself or that you would like other opinions about;
  2. Suggest tentative or trial interpretations of our texts for others to consider;
  3. Respond to other classmates’ postings;
  4. Follow up on our class discussions with insights that you weren't able to fit in
     during the period or that occurred to you after class;
  5. Initiate discussions of your own related to our course focus.
  6. Most important, PLEASE, DON`T SUMMARIZE; don’t tell what the
     readings, novels or films are about. Think of your comments as analytical
     contributions that show your personal and critical insights about the texts and
     issues addressed in class discussions and readings. Contributions that merely
     summarize will not to be considered for credits.

These are just examples, and there is no wrong or write answer. Just state your opinion in
complete paragraphs and be as specific as you can when you give reasons for that
opinion. Quote from the text if it helps you to frame your thoughts. You may also want to
enter a statement after our discussion in class to see how your perceptions have changed.
Indicate so in your comment/report. Limit your reading response to one full paragraph.