

# English 96

## Reading Project

Because the acquisition of language skills associated with reading is often an essential part of writing improvement, the Reading Project is an important part of this course. You will write reading summaries for all of the assigned reading.

You should set aside 15-20 minutes after reading each selection to summarize what you've read and what the reading made you think about. Here's the procedure you should follow:

1. Write immediately after reading, or as soon as possible after reading.
2. Do not worry about grammar or correctness. I'll be looking for **content** only.
3. Begin each journal entry by noting the following information:  
  
Author, Essay Title
4. Below this information write your summary and response as follows:
5. **Summary:** In your summary, please tell me about the important points the reading makes as well as how the author establishes these points. Give me enough information so that I know what's going on, but please don't simply copy sections out of the article. Your summary should be about one handwritten page.
6. **Response:** The response is your opportunity to express what you think about what you've read. Try to connect what you've read with your own thoughts and experiences. You can disagree with the author, offer your opinion about what is happening in the reading, or write about what the reading reminds you of in your own life. Your response can be any length, but at a minimum it should be about one handwritten page.

Although these summaries will not become part of the final portfolio, failure to complete the required number will result in your final portfolio being disqualified.