



Monday, 29 August 2016

English B50



Due today

- **Due:** Final Draft Essay 1 (Gaiman)
- **Due: Research on Andy Weir and *The Martian*.** Requirements: Typed, 2 pages, use 1-2 sources. Credit your sources and quote accurately. Review the following: childhood, education, employment, writings, and story behind *The Martian*.
- **Due: Research on Mars.** Requirements: Typed, 2 pages, use 1-2 sources. Credit your sources and quote accurately. **One source must be mars.nasa.gov.** Review the following: descriptions of mars, facts, news, programs, and missions.



Due Tuesday, 8/30

- **Due:** *Martian* Ch. 1-6
- **Due:** Typed *Martian* Reading Response.
- **Last day to drop without receiving a W.**

The Martian Reading Responses

Length: Minimum 2 pages

Format: MLA Format

Assignment:

Each of the reading responses for *The Martian* are to respond to the following topic.

Survival and determination are major themes in the novel. Discuss how these themes are shown by Watney and NASA. What are your impressions of Watney and of specific people? Why?

Your responses must include at least one specific and relative quote from each chapter assigned that proves your analysis.

Grading:

You will be graded on

- adherence to the assigned topic
- relevance and analysis of quotes
- organization,
- formatting
- mechanics.



In-Class Today

- Collect Essay 1
- In a large envelope, include the following:
 1. Original “October” assignment
 2. “October” Thesis work
 3. Peer reviewed essay draft
 4. Final essay and self-evaluation



Today, continued

- Return graded assignments
- *Models* response problems
- Email problems--Syllabus
- MLA formatting—Hacker Handbook
- Essay and paragraph development--ppt
- Mars and Weir presentations

Critical Thinking Response Problems

- ▶ In a chapter focusing on **Illustration**, I was very disappointed to see so few responses that actually provided illustrations/examples.
- ▶ Any time you are responding to something you **MUST introduce the author and the title of the work under discussion.**
- ▶ **NEVER** begin a response to anything with “It.”
 - ▶ “It” is a pronoun that must have a clear antecedent.
 - ▶ What is an antecedent?
 - ▶ The word “**antecedent**” means something that precedes [goes before] something else. In language, it is the word that a **pronoun** refers back to. (grammar.yourdictionary.com)
- ▶ When possible, connect your analysis to current issues, such as the current political situations. Do not just repeat what the author has said. That is not analyzing or thinking critically.

Emailing Problems

- ▶ You were supposed to have read and be following the instructions given in the syllabus, but there are some problems that need to be addressed.
- ▶ Future emails NOT meeting the requirements stipulated in the syllabus, will be deleted.
- ▶ **Emails:** I welcome your emails and your questions. However, there is certain etiquette you must follow when writing to any professor. Be polite. Include a salutation, a message, and a closing with your full name. Use complete sentences with appropriate capitalization and punctuation (no text-speak). In addition, emails to me must include the student's **last name** and the **course CRN** in the **subject line**. Unidentified emails are deleted unread.
 - ▶ **Example:** Stanwyck (70786) *(8 am class)*
 - ▶ **Example:** Stanwyck (70790) *(10:30 am class)*

