Goals of this Study Sheet

Read and respond assignments are common and are often assigned on Blackboard to be completed on a discussion forum. It will almost always be assigned along with an article or excerpt which you will be acquired to read. The goal of a read and respond assignment is to convey how you thought and felt about the reading, as well as your opinion on it. The goals of this study sheet are to cover the basics of read and respond assignments you will be assigned on Blackboard discussion boards.

Prewriting and Preparation

The prewrite and preparation process can help organize a response paper. The simplest way to help prepare for a response paper is to jot down ideas about the reading while you are reading it. It might helpful to keep these questions in mind while reading the assignment:

- How do you feel about what you are reading?
- What do you agree or disagree with?
- Can you identify with the situation?
- What would be the best way to evaluate the reading?
- How does this reading relate to the larger topic of your class?
- Have you had any applicable experience with the topic of the reading?

In addition, these following statements could be used to start sentences:

- I think that...
- I see that...
Writing a Response

While writing a response paper, you should always keep in mind the assigned reading. Since a response is based off of your own opinions and feelings, you do not need any additional resources to write your paper. So, the most effective way of writing a response paper is to focus on forming opinions while reading the assignment. Jotting down the answers to the questions above will help you get a start. Expanding upon those answers will help you fully write your response. To do this you need to explain how you came to these answer and why.

Sources Referenced


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