English 2A

Reaction Journal

The purpose of this journal is for you to record your thoughts, opinions, questions, personal stories, and anything else you’d like to write. Of course, these should be about the topics in our class, but feel free to begin with a class topic and move to a related topic.

**The basic requirements are as follows.**

1. Write a total of 10 reaction reports. Recall that we have 14 classes remaining, so you may choose which 10 of those 14 topics that you wish to use.

2. You may write your reaction journal in whatever mode you’d like. By mode I mean on paper, on your computer, on a blog, or perhaps another way (talk to me if you would like to use another way).

3. Make sure that there is space for me to comment on your work. If you use a notebook, then perhaps leave a wide right margin. If you’re making a blog, then I would have to able to comment on your blog page(s). Of course, for a blog you would need to let me know the blog URL.

4. At the beginning of each reaction report, you should write the date and the topic.

5. There is no formal limit on the number of words, but I think at least 150 per topic would be reasonable. Of course, writing more would make me happier ☺

6. I will collect and/or check these three times during this term: Week 5, Week 10, and Week 15.

7. As I mentioned, you may include related material. As you will recall, on our class webpage are several news links (e.g., BBC, al Jazeera, the New York Times), and I encourage you to check them. You could, of course, use stories, but there are also commentaries (so-called ‘op-ed’ pieces), blogs, and probably other things as well.