

Reading Reflections

ART 236 Experience Mapping
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I've assigned required reading for nearly every week of this semester. The readings appear on the course schedule online, and your reflections are due to the D2L dropbox by the end of the day the following Monday. Unless noted, readings can be found in the *Discussion Course on Discovering a Sense of Place* by the Northwest Earth Institute, which is available in PDF form from the University Bookstore. Take this task seriously: the amount and quality of these reflections make up a quarter of your grade. Late reflections will not be accepted.

While we will discuss some of the readings in class, I want and need to hear your thoughts on and impressions of these texts. ***What is most important to me is that you really think about what you've read and write your response accordingly.***

You are required to write one full page of reflection. Put your name and date on the first line and start your writing on the second. Specifically, this means one full page of 12-point double-spaced text. At least **two** of the week's assigned readings should be addressed in your reflection. Use spell check and write to the best of your ability. Though you can use the same questions again, each reflection should be different from the last.

To make the process easier, you are welcome to use a number of prompts/discussion questions to get your writing started. (Please be sure to include the prompt/question in your document so I can understand the context.) Conveniently, the first page of each chapter (or "Session") of the N.E.I. book contains a list of "Possible Discussion Questions." For example, the question in reference to the Wallace Stegner reading (where he quotes poet Wendell Berry) states ***"Wendell Berry says, 'If you don't know where you are, you don't know who you are.' Has place helped to shape your personal identity?"***

If none of the listed Discussion Questions applies (or interests you), you are welcome to use these general prompts* if they apply:

What was new to you, and did it change the way you think about or perceive things?

Was anything unclear or confusing to you? Why?

Give at least one specific example of an aspect or experience in your personal life that is related to the reading.

What are the main points of this reading (focus on concepts, ideas, and theme, not on individual facts)?

*Source: Prof. Stephen R. Tate, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (<http://www.uncg.edu/cmp/faculty/srtate/100/ReadingReflections.pdf>)