

College Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Read ZEITOUN by Dave Eggers

After reading this book write a three page, typed, response paper that is due on Wednesday, September 1. **All Students** should deliver their response papers to their English teacher. Your names will be checked off. **No papers will be accepted after this date.** This paper will count as ten percent of your first or third quarter grade.

Directions for writing a response paper – three typed, double spaced pages:

1. Find a passage in the reading that made a deep impression on you. It should be no longer than one paragraph.
2. Write out the entire passage copying it correctly. Use quotation marks to acknowledge that these words are not your own. Correctly cite the passage.
3. Provide the context of the passage. Explain in some detail what is happening at this point in the reading.
4. Relate this passage to the rest of the reading. Reflect upon what might be the important implications or special insights the excerpt provides. Comment on the quotation's value to the story.
5. Write your reaction to the passage and explain why it has special meaning for you. Make a personal connection to the passage based on your own experience. Write honestly about your reaction and explain it fully.

Example of correct citation

Include the author's last name in the parenthetical citation before the page number(s). Note that no comma appears between the author's name and the page number(s).

"Ideally, each individual would cultivate a repertoire of styles of attention, appropriate to different situations, and would learn how to embed activities and types of attention one within another" (Bateson 97).