

Rhetoric 1105-(3)-021 Multidisciplinary: Winter 2015

Assignment #1: Summary, Paraphrase and Citation

Assignment due: January 30, 2015

Part1 (12.5%): Pre-Reading Questions & Rhetorical Workbook

In your groups answer in complete sentences, and as much as possible provide textual evidence from your self-help texts to support your answers. This information will provide you with the material you require to write your two-paragraph summary.

Use MLA or APA citation, 12pt. Font and double-space all of your answers. Be sure to write out the question first followed by your answer. You will receive 12.5 % for Part 1 of the summary assignment. Focus your attention on answering the questions as thoroughly as possible. One workbook per group will be handed in a folder unless you work independently.

Pre-Reading Strategies:

1. Is there any biographical information about the author and what does this information tell you about the subject?
2. What is the author's rhetorical purpose (s)? List a minimum of one (1).
3. Discuss the significance of the title. How does it relate to the author's rhetorical purpose(s)?
4. What other works has the author published that may be relevant. Discuss briefly and link back to the author's current work under discussion.
5. Paraphrase the narrative or salient points that the author raises. In other words what do we learn about the subject through the author? Paraphrase a minimum of two (2) statements using your own words.
6. How does the author narrow the subject? For example is there more than one argument or idea at work in the body of the text. Look closely at the argument(s). List a minimum of two arguments (2) that the author raises in their work.

Reading for Information:

1. What are the main themes? List two (2).
2. Discuss the points-of-view that the author uses. List a minimum of two (2). Discuss the narration. How does the use of first-person opposed to third-person narration to alter our views on the work for example?
3. Discuss the author's tone. How does his or her use of tone affect our overall understanding on the subject as it is presented?

Reading for Form, Organization and Expository Features:

1. Is the author using an identifiable genre? List a minimum of two (2). How does the choice of genre add to the author's rhetorical purpose?
2. Look at the sentence structure. A. Are the sentences long or short? B. Is the language matter-of-fact? C. Is it emotional or detached? Provide three (3) quotes from the text to respond to each question A, B & C.
3. What comparisons and contrasts are used? List two (2)?
4. What examples does the author use? List two (2).
5. Does the author use literary devices or figurative language? (Simile, personification, foreshadowing, metaphor and /or symbols, alliteration, and others). List two (2) devices.
6. Does the author define her terms? What terms does she use? List a minimum of two (2)
7. What analyses and evaluations are made? List two (2).
8. Does the author use hyperbole? Provide a minimum of one (1) example.
9. Provide an example of the author's use of diction or word choice. Discuss the significance behind his or her choices. Provide a minimum of two (2) examples

10. Look at the introduction. Compare it with conclusion. Are you satisfied with the conclusion?

Rhetorical Concerns:

1. What community of readers is the piece intended for?
2. What impact does the author want to have on the reader?
3. Are you persuaded? Describe the emotional and ethical impact the work has on you?

Part 2: Summary Assignment (12.5%)

A summary asks you to reiterate the main points of a work without changing the author's meaning. For this assignment you must write a two (2)-paragraph summary on your self-help text. In the first paragraph you must address the author's background, his or her context (biographical information). (2) Look at the value or significance of the title and state the main argument(s) and rhetorical purpose that you think s/he makes.

In the second (2) paragraph look at the organizational features that s/he uses to support her or his positions. (3) The author appeals to a specific community of readers and wants to make an impact on the reader. Review the type of audience that the author appeals and sum up the impact s/he wants to achieve on the reader in the second paragraph. Choose a minimum of two (2) organizational features and a maximum of three (3) that the author uses to have an impact on his or her audience. Finally, you must use the different techniques of paraphrasing and citing in your assignment. More specifically, your summary must include the following types of citation:

1. Two paraphrased sentences

2. A long quotation in block form
3. A sentence-length quotation
4. A short snippet-sized quotation
5. The use of ellipses
6. The use of square brackets

Remember to properly cite your work using 12 pt. Font, double-space and use the MLA or APA format. Include a Works Cited. Keep all of your drafts and hand them in with your final paper along with a completed Editing and Revision checklist and the Case Study on Forgiveness. You will find the checklist on the website. See an example of an introductory summary draft paragraph also available on the website.