EXPOSITORY WRITING FA 2020

Peer review and Grading Criteria

WHAT ARE THE GRADING CRITERIA?

Some people are nervous about the grading criteria…

There are rumors that an essay can get a A in a section, and a NP in another section!

That's not true – we follow very specific grading criteria and our grading is subject to mid-semester review and final review.

Let start by looking at Criteria for the Textual Analysis Exercise

This is a short assignment that's graded as Pass/ Fail

TAE'S GRADING CRITERIA?

The most important ones are:

- Work with assigned text

- Structural Coherence

To a lesser extent, Presentation

WORK WITH ASSIGNED TEXT

- Select and close-read textual evidence, to achieve a compelling, original insights

→ insight based on evidence

- Engages the reading in a conversation

→ is the textual evidence weaved into the argument? Is there a back and forth between your voice and the author voice? (≠ opinion, anecdotes)

- Develops and defines clear terminology

→ words have a *scope* that may differ from text to text (and even from paragraph to paragraph – what's the scope of the text's key words?

- makes interpretative risks

→ once we have absorbed the text, we can push the envelope because we have a solid grounding in the textual evidence

STRUCTURAL COHERENCE

- Use of topic sentences

→ the topic sentence is clearly articulated at the beginning of the paragraph

- Use of transitions

→ transitions communicate the development of ideas

- Demonstrate sense of purpose and conventions of a paragraph

→ is the paragraph a coherent building block?