

BOOK REPORT (optional, for Outside Activity Credit)

After reading one of the two books assigned to your course, respond to the questions below. Write each question's number, so as to make clear to me which question you are responding to.

Either write double spaced neatly on tablet (not notebook) paper or type double spaced on typing/computer paper. Basically, you are being graded on your judgement here and your ability to express and support—with specific references to the book—your judgement. This is necessary for my grading of your report. If you hand me something written or typed single-spaced, I must hand it back to you to re-prepare in double space.

My impression of the quality of your paper is affected not only by the quality of content, but also by your writing expression, neatness, basic grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Be sure to number the pages and staple or bind them in some neat, effective manner.

NOTE: I do not want to see large reports (over eight typed pages) filled up with merely a book synopsis. The report I want requires you to read and think about it. You explicitly answer the specific questions below. Identify each response as being to "Question #".

WORD TO THE WISE: Before handing in your report (original only), make a copy of it.

Your Reward: Besides the intellectual value of the recommended books, you raise the maximum for possible OA credit from 20 points to 30. You may ensure you earn all 30 points by filling in the difference between your book report score and 30 by earning some Outside Activity credit. (See page two of the Syllabus.) Note: Any points earned over 20 are extra credit.

RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, identifying each by question number:

Question 1. Tell me the author's primary point or purpose in writing this book. (100-200 words)
Support your response with specifics from the book. (100-300 words)

Also mention a second purpose. (another 100-200 words) Make clear which you think is the author's main purpose. Support your response with specifics from the book.
(100-300 words)

Question 2. Discuss, giving support, two aspects of the book which you liked, that enlightened you in some way, or that you especially agreed with (approximately 200-400 words each). If you would like to mention more, just list them, with brief descriptions, following the two you discuss.

Question 3. Discuss one aspect of the book with which you questioned or disliked or found difficult to figure out. (200-400 words) Give support. If there are more, just list them following the one you discuss, again 100-300 words each.

Question 4. Conclude with a discussion of this book's impact on you, of what thoughts reading this book led you to? (250-500 words)

Grading. End with your grading of the book—A thru F ("+" and "-" okay) with brief rationale. (150-300 words)

DUE DATE all classes: Tuesday, Nov 25, 2008 After that date, reports are accepted, but subject to normal late penalty of -2 points @ day late, not counting weekends and holidays.