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| NYU | **Assignment 2: General & Close Read Assignment**<br>**Class: Approaches CCCP, GLS, NYU**<br>**Semester: Spring 2016**<br>**Instructor: Terri Senft**<br>**Questions? Terri.senft@nyu.edu** |

**Description of the Assignment**

For this assignment, you are to deliver a document that contains a General Reader Notes for a theoretical text of your choosing, and a Close reading of roughly four pages of that text. The text you choose should reflect your own research interests, and may be pulled from our class theory bibliography, or chosen from elsewhere with Terri's approval.

**The general reader notes should include:**

- A two-sentence discussion of the *context* of the piece (e.g. who is the author, what is their training, who is the text written for, when was the text written...)
- A rephrasing the *major arguments* of the piece, in your own words.
- A discussion of important *examples or evidence* the author provides for the arguments made.
- Notation and clarification regarding all *specialized vocabulary* in the piece, wherever it occurs.

**A close read should include:**

- A step-by-step discussion of the *content* of the piece; ideally one that allows your reader to follow along with the *headings* and s*ubheadings* given by the author.
- Insertion of *your own examples* to further 'teach' the content you've just discussed to others, or to complicate those arguments (examples could be photos, links to stories in the news, etc.)
- Your notes regarding the *usefulness* of the piece for your particular research interests, and a discussion of what the piece *fails to address* re. your research interests.
- Insertion of your own *questions, concerns, or notes* throughout.


Work should include full bibliographic citation for your reading, and be saved to your close read channel in Slack, in MS Word format, with
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