



Assignment 2: General & Close Read Assignment
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For this assignment, you are to deliver a document that contains a Reader Report on a theoretical text of your choosing (a book chapter or journal article), 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 Reader Notes should proceed as follows:

1. In a few sentences, please tell us: What question(s) is the author of this text trying to address for his readers?
2. What answers and arguments does the writer provide to those questions?
3. Which questions, answers and arguments seem particularly useful to you in your own research? Why?
4. Are there any critical vocabulary terms or catch phrases the writer uses? Define them.
5. Are there any critical examples or case studies the writer uses? What are they?
6. Any statistics/images/charts/maps you want to remember for your own work?
7. Are there any lingering questions you find yourself with after reading this text? Material that feels unclear, still? Points of view, geographical, or historical perspectives that you need to engage with in your work that this writer doesn't quite get at in the material you have read?

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A close read should give precise page numbers and include the following:

1. 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...)
2. A rephrasing of the *major arguments* of the piece, in your own words (you can copy/paste reader notes for this.)
3. A discussion of important *examples or evidence* the author provides for the arguments made. (you can copy/paste your reader notes for this.)
4. A step-by-step discussion of the *content* of the piece you are conducting your close read on; ideally one that allows your reader to follow along with the *headings* and *subheadings* given by the author.
5. 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.)
6. Notation and clarification regarding all *specialized vocabulary* in the piece, wherever it occurs.
7. 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.
8. Insertion of your own *questions, concerns, or notes* throughout. (you might copy/paste material from your reader notes throughout, here.)

Your work should include bibliographic citation for your reading. If the chapter or journal article you chose is online, you should save it as a PDF and send it along with this assignment. If it is not online, let Terri know.

Your work should be saved to your close read channel in Slack, in MS Word format, with title : YOURLASTNAME_closeread