

Assignment: Weekly Application Emails

Context: Many people argue that fields like art and literature are not relevant to daily life and are more of an extravagance, not helping students with immediate concerns like work and supporting a family. I would argue just the opposite--that studying literature and other arts directly applies to many fields and helps us be stronger readers, writers, and thinkers.

Purpose: This assignment is intended to help you reflect personally on our course content and consider the ways in which the material might apply to your personal and professional life.

Task: Send me (your teacher) a weekly email (due Sunday at midnight), in which you reflect on how ideas from our class are relevant to your personal and/or professional life. In other words, consider the following questions:

- What out-of-class experiences from the week have prompted you to think about an idea from class?
- What out-of-class situations or people have reminded you of something from one of our texts?
- Have you used any conclusions or insights gained in class to help you in an out-of-class situation?
- Has a character, theme, symbol, conflict (etc.) from one of our texts given you insight into a personal or professional relationship?

You do not need to address each (or any) of the above questions in your email. They are suggestions for reflection.

Requirements: In order to receive full credit for the assignment, be sure to:

- Submit your assignment by emailing me (your teachers) at lauren.halsted@gccd.edu
- Weekly emails are due by Sunday at midnight, but you are welcome to submit them before that time.
- Compose a reflections (see above) of between 100-200 words.
- Reflect honestly and thoughtfully. I do not expect a well-structured, polished essay. However, I do expect a paragraph in which you reflect on the connections between the course content and your life.
- Use professional, Standard English, relatively correct grammar and punctuation. Please address the email to me and sign your name at the end. Try to avoid "text speak" and use complete sentences.

Grading: This assignment is graded credit/no-credit. There are 14 total "Weekly Emails," and the lowest score will be dropped.