

Homework #13

Due to your workshop group via e-mail by 8:00 pm Mon 10/25

A COMPLETE DRAFT of Essay II is due to your Workshopping group by Monday evening. Groups will be assigned in class Tuesday 10/19.

Each writer should bring just one printed copy of his or her paper to class Tuesday 10/26 to workshop.

When you read the drafts posted via e-mail skim the whole paper quickly and then read more carefully, looking for these things:

- 1) What seems to be the writer's thesis? Does this seem like the best thesis for this paper? If not, what does the writer need to work on? How might she or he modify the thesis?
- 2) Where do you get the feeling that the writer cares about her/his topic? Point to specific places; what exactly makes the writer's motivation come through?
- 3) What do you find most interesting about this essay?
- 4) Does the paper feel coherent? That is, do the ideas link and build from paragraph to paragraph across the whole paper?
- 5) Does the evidence seem adequate? Are sources cited and identified to your satisfaction?
- 6) Does something seem to be missing from the essay?

You don't need to print the essay out unless you prefer to do so for ease of reading. DO make notes that address each of these questions. (I will collect these.)

In class, you will have time to re-read the essay and refine your observations, as well as time to discuss the papers.