**Annotation and Journal Assignments**

Instead of Quizzes, you will have two ways of interacting with the reading:

**1. Annotation Assignment**

For every reading, you will annotate the margins with a running list of the topics or scenes in the reading. These annotations should simply **name each topic in 1-5 words.** Write about **one or two per page** (less in the book *True Notebooks*). You are not required to annotate poems. No credit for underlining or highlighting instead of writing annotations. Part of the process is to put it into your own words.

If these are done thoroughly and on time, you get 3 points at each annotation check. I will check at the same time I sign the Reading Journals, except that I will not ask for topic annotations on poetry. **Total points: 30**

# 2. Reading Journal Assignment

Please bring your journal every day for a quick in-class check and my initials. You can write on any paper at least 7” X 10,” or print it out from your computer, but it must be on paper and in ink (no pencil). Be on time to class, because I won’t sign journals after the first 5-10 minutes. You are not required to write journals on the poems. **Total Points: 80**

**Requirements:**

* **Write in pen or type** (no pencil), and **date** every entry
* **Write the title** of the text you are responding to.
* **Write about 175 words before every class** when you are assigned reading.
* Respond to **just one** of the readings if there is more than one text for that day.

**Cover these two things:**

1. Write a quote sandwich around a one sentence from the reading that you thought might be worth including in a paper on this reading. (Sandwich: signal phrase, quote with page number, explanation/response)
2. Summarize or paraphrase a different but related part of the reading that you found important, strange, interesting or contradictory, and then comment about how it connects to your life or another reading.

If you do this before every class and on time, you get 100%. I’ll give lower grades for journal entries if they are difficult to read, too short or don’t cover the items above, but it’s supposed to be a low-stress place to think about the course materials and practice writing without any criticism. Really exceptional or additional journal work might be considered for a small amount of extra credit if you are already passing the class.

Each one is 5 points. You will get 80% (4 points) for journals that are not done the day they are due if you turn them in on the collection days listed in your schedule.

**After each collection date, old reading journal entries are not accepted at all.**