



Writ 101 Summer Reading Assignment:

After selecting the memoir you intend to read and analyze, prepare a document or a piece of notebook paper with a proper heading. I want you reading for enjoyment FIRST....then stop, reflect and engage with the text. Active reading strategies are an essential piece to success in this course. As you read, unpack the text. Annotate key events (Ahas!), elements and questions (What Whats?) you notice; also, try to practice some sort of “tabbing” or annotation strategy—using sticky notes to identify important or problematic passages. Once the year begins, you will work with your writing circle to hone your tabbing and coding skills in order to develop your capacity to approach complex texts in college.

With your writing, I want you engaged in talking about the words. This means looking for patterns or interesting things inside of language; it doesn't perform the operation "This is what the passage says"; it performs the work of "This is what I notice in the passage." In that shift lies a whole lot of potential for engagement and lively writing.

This assignment is due ***Friday, September 1, 2023***. If you do not have the assignment ready to turn in, it will be a zero in the gradebook.

I look forward to reading and discussing your insight. Enjoy the book and enjoy your summer!

Happy thoughts,
Mrs. Preshinger

