Reading Journals

Utilizing an informal essay format, generate your opinions and observations on various course materials throughout the term.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Show your comprehension of reading materials for five items from syllabus.
- 2. Strengthen reading concepts and presentation of your observations <u>before</u> class.
- 3. Use full sentence format: roughly 300 words.
- 4. Isolate your impressions of the material read.

5. Provide the following:

- state the author's intentions and/or themes
- name the protagonist, the antagonist, and the types of conflict
- state the main conflict between the protagonist and the antagonist: be specific
- state why or why you do not like the story: be very specific and cite examples
- what casual observations do you have regarding the story?
- 6. Other items to include:
 - describe details which helped you relate (or not relate) to main character
 - be as expressive & creative with your presentation: doodle, use emoticons, bold or italic text
- 7. Choose from the following list of authors and creative works:

Material is due on date shown.

09.20: Nadine Gordimer "Once Upon a Time" p 127

- 09.24: Nathaniel Hawthorne "Rappaccini's Daughter" p 366
- 09.27: Edgar Allan Poe, "The Cask of Amontillado" *handout*
- 09.29: Charlotte Gilman, "The Yellow Wallpaper" p 624
- 10.01: William Faulkner "A Rose for Emily" handout
- 10.04: James Joyce "Eveline" p 616
- 10.06: James Joyce "Araby" *handout*
- 10.08: Richard Wright "The Man Who Was Almost a Man" handout
- 10.11: Carolyn Forche "The Colonel" p 911
- 10.20: Jamaica Kincaid "Girl" p 415
- 10.29: Ray Bradbury "The October Game" handout