

English 1301: Composition I (CRN 30015)

Reading Journal || Woolf

Woolf's essay, "The Death of the Moth," is a selection of Modernist writing from the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Utilizing an informal response, explain the basic purpose of her essay.

Address the following four points:

1. What is the general mood provided by the full essay?
Quote a portion of the text which supports your observation.
2. Notice Woolf refers to the moth as "he" and not "it."
What is benefited through this technique?
3. Why would Woolf choose a moth as a subject, rather than use the other creatures which appear in the text? (For instance, the horses or the rooks.)
4. When does the speaker begin identifying with the moth?
5. What overall message does Woolf want you to understand about life?

*You are required to respond with at least two-three **detailed** sentences per question.*