

## Travelogues #1-5 (6 points each)

This assignment asks you to make a brief commentary on a passage selected from one of the texts on our syllabus. The format is a brief professional communication of data and analysis like the memos and emails we exchange every day.

Every few weeks, I will post a short quote from the readings that we have been doing. We will, of course, be able chat in person in lecture and section, but a virtual chat in Canvas “Discussions” provides a nice record of what you were thinking and lets us share ideas and impressions in a different mode.

It also allows you to practice the 5-Step LAD process by offering a close reading of a specific passage while paying attention to its context and importance to the work as a whole. Please remember that the LAD is a pre-writing process before you draft your final short paragraph.

Preparing these entries will allow us to give you feedback on how you are responding the course materials so that you can develop the analytic skills which will be assessed on the more formal assignments.

Finally, there is no correct answer to this assignment, no need to agree with critics, the TAs or with me about what the works mean or suggest, and no single format which you must use for the entries. If you decide to include personal experiences, please be sure to connect them to the readings. Each entry may be informal and conversational.

If you have any doubts about your entries, please show your draft to your TA or to me during office hours. We will be able to read them and give you advice and comments on how to improve.

Please comment on each quotation briefly (3-5 sentences or about 100 words) and submit the entry through Canvas. You will receive up to 6 points for each of your replies assigned based on the rubric.

(20% of the total course grade).