

ENG 38001 - CRITICAL THEORY AND READING

Essay One (10%; 100 points)

DUE: September 19, 2018 (11:59pm, EST)

DIRECTIONS: You must compose your paper and share it in KSU Google Docs. Your paper must be in MLA Style. Choose a short poem (no more than 20 lines long). Be sure to quote (and cite) that poem at the start of your paper. (For evaluation purposes, the quoting the poem does not count as a part of your essay.) Choose one of the below topics and respond to it with an essay that is no less than 500 words, no more than 1000 words, please. Advice: do not simply regurgitate from the class notes and lectures; have an opinion of your own about these ideas, with some justification for that opinion (a small argument).

1. Provide a justified response to the poem from Plato's perspective. Provide a justified response to the poem from Aristotle's perspective. Your justification should reflect what you know of their ideologies toward literature (or art in general). In your opinion, who *wins* the aesthetic argument—why?
2. Provide a justified response to the poem from Horace's perspective. Provide a justified response to the poem from Longinus' perspective. Provide a justified response to the poem from Plotinus' perspective. Your justification should reflect what you know of their ideologies toward literature (or art in general). In your opinion, who *wins* the aesthetic argument—why?
3. Provide a justified response to the poem from Augustine's perspective. Provide a justified response to the poem from Thomas Aquinas' perspective. In your opinion, who *wins* the aesthetic argument—why?

The paper will be evaluated for your ability to impersonate each thinker's thoughts, as well as for your critique of their critiques. In other words: your opinion as to who wins is irrelevant; the arguments behind your opinion are what matter.

Late work will be accepted for a period of time after the due date; however, points will be deducted for late submissions. For each day the work is late: 3% (3 out of a possible 100 points) will be deducted from the grade. No exams may be made-up, unless a university-acceptable excuse is provided. **No work will be accepted after December 13, 2018.**