
Instructions



**Candis Watts
Smith:**
"After the Civil Rights
Era, White
Americans Failed to
Support Systemic
Change To End
Racism. Will They
Now?"

1. In a concise paragraph, summarize the thesis, or central claim, and support points of "[After the Civil Rights Era, White Americans Failed to Support Systemic Change To End Racism. Will They Now?](#) ↓" by Candis Watts Smith.
2. **Discuss how Smith's argument compares to Ray and Aja's argument. Be specific and use examples (quotes or paraphrases) from assigned readings to support your analysis.**
3. Complete vocabulary building exercise by doing the following:
 - I. Quote a sentence from the assigned reading that includes a vocabulary word you are not familiar with.
 - II. Provide the dictionary definition of your chosen vocabulary word.
 - III. Use your chosen vocabulary word in an original sentence.

[Sample Unit 2 Reading Journal](#) ↓

Grading Rubric

Aim for excellence! These are the criteria for what comprises an "Excellent" rating for a discussion post:

- Submission includes a brief summary of the assigned reading's thesis, or central idea.
- Submission includes a clear analysis, or breakdown, of argumentative tactics that assigned reading uses.
- Submission includes the vocabulary building exercise, which consists of a quoted sentence from assigned reading that includes your chosen vocabulary word, a dictionary definition of chosen vocabulary work, and an original sentence that demonstrates comprehension of the chosen vocabulary word.

Unit 2 Reading Journal Rubric (Smith)

Criteria	Ratings			Pts
Instruction #1 Summary	3 pts Complete Submission includes the complete summary of assigned reading. You've done a good job of identifying the main idea of the text and distilling each section to its main point.	1.5 pts Needs Improvement Your summary is incomplete and needs more development.	0 pts No submission No summary of the reading submitted.	3 pts
Instruction #2 Critical Response	3 pts Complete Submission clearly follows instructions and provides a complete response that uses examples from assigned reading(s) to illustrate and support the claims that are being made.	1.5 pts Needs Improvement Submission does not clearly and/or completely respond to the prompt in instruction #2; more development is expected.	0 pts No submission No critical response was submitted.	3 pts
Instruction #3 Vocabulary building exercise	3 pts Complete Submission includes a quoted sentence, dictionary definition, and an original sentence for one vocabulary word from the assigned reading.	1.5 pts Needs Improvement Your submission is missing components of the vocabulary exercise.	0 pts No Submission No vocabulary-building exercise was submitted.	3 pts

Total Points: 9