

Art of Fiction - ENGL 273G - Professor Finnell

Journal #5 - Personal Connection

Choose **Either** “Sonny’s Blues” **Or** “What You Pawn I Will Redeem” and describe how you relate it to your own life. Make sure and show me *how* you read the text (explication) and then how you see your own life mirroring, differing, or complementing the story. Do **NOT** summarize the story. You can describe a single part of the story and then point out the main aspects and how you read them and how it relates to you, but I don’t want an entire paragraph telling me the story. I read it already. Remember to keep the paragraphs between 5 and 8 sentences. Keep your sentences succinct - they shouldn’t span more than 3 lines usually.

Points out of 100	A – 30-27	B – 26.7-24	C – 23.7 -21	D – 20.7-0
Organization 30%	2-3 full double-spaced pages. Times New Roman Font. Paragraphs state their point clearly.	2-3 full double-spaced pages. Times New Roman Font. Each paragraph’s point is mostly clear.	<2 full double spaced pages. Paragraphs are partly clear and partly disjointed.	<2 pages. No organizational sense of paragraphs.
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Textual Material 30%	The student has engaged with the textual material with great detail and analysis	The student has engaged the textual material with some detail and slight analysis	The student has barely engaged with the text, but merely dropped quotes into paragraphs.	The student has done little to no engagement with the text.
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Argument 30%	The student clearly and succinctly explains how the text works, how it relates to her/his story, and what is important about it.	The student clearly explains how the text works, but either fails to relate it or explain its importance	The student only partly explains and relates the text. She/he ignores the importance.	There is only a summary of the text. No explanation. No analysis.
	A – 10-9	B – 8	C – 7	D – 6-0
Grammar 10%	Little to no grammar or spelling errors.	A sprinkling of grammar and/or spelling errors.	Frequent grammar and/or spelling errors.	The grammar and spelling make reading the text extremely difficult or impossible.