

ACAD/DE ENGLISH 155

TEXT: For students taking this course, whether it is Term 1 or Term 2, you are required to read the three short stories (linked below)

- ["A Good Man is Hard to Find" by Flannery O'Conner](#)Download "A Good Man is Hard to Find" by Flannery O'Conner
- ["The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien](#)Download "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien
- ["Sonny's Blues" by James Baldwin](#)Download "Sonny's Blues" by James Baldwin

TASK: After reading, you are required to submit a typed, reaction paper (no more than two pages in length) for one of the three stories. Support your opinion(s), and/or observation(s), with examples. Do **not** simply summarize the story. To aid you in writing your reaction paper, review the guidelines in the ["How to Write a Reaction Paper"](#) document.

You must make certain your reaction paper is double-spaced and that you use Times New Roman size 12 font; include a heading on the first page that contains your name, the term in which you have English 155, and the block number for your class. You must submit your reaction paper online by **September 5**. Your paper should be typed and formatted [according to MLA guidelines](#). Do not forget to run your paper through Grammarly before submitting it.

Points 50

Submitting a file upload

Due	For	Available from	Until
Sep 5, 2023Sep 5, 2023 at 11:59pm	Everyone	-N/A	-N/A

Rubric

Summer Reading: Reaction Paper Rubric

Criteria	Ratings				Pts
<p>This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome</p> <p>Content & Development</p>	<p>25 to >22.5 pts Excellent Content is comprehensive, accurate, and persuasive. Major points are clearly stated and well supported. Response is interesting, thought-provoking, and addresses all components of the assignment. Content and purpose of the writing is clear.</p>	<p>22.5 to >20.0 pts Good Content is accurate and persuasive. Major points are stated. The response is adequate and addresses the assignment. The content and purpose of the writing is clear.</p>	<p>20 to >17.5 pts Fair Content is not comprehensive and/or persuasive. Major points are addressed but not well supported. The response is inadequate or does not address the assignment. Content is inconsistent with regards to purpose or clarity of thought.</p>	<p>17.5 to >0 pts Poor Content is incomplete. Major points are not clear and/or persuasive. The response does not address the assignment.</p>	<p>25 pts</p>

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<p>This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome Organization</p>	<p>10 to >9.0 pts Excellent</p>	<p>9 to >8.0 pts Good</p>	<p>8 to >7.0 pts Fair</p>	<p>7 to >0 pts Poor</p>	10 pts
	<p>Structure of the paper is clear and easy to follow. Paragraph transitions are logical and maintain the flow of thought throughout the paper. Conclusion is logical and ties the paper together.</p>	<p>Structure is mostly clear and easy to follow. Paragraph transitions are present. Conclusion is logical.</p>	<p>Structure of the paper is not easy to follow. Paragraph transitions need improvement. Conclusion does not flow from the body of the paper or is missing.</p>	<p>Organization and structure detract from the message of the writer. Paragraphs are disjointed and lack transition of thoughts.</p>	
<p>This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome Grammar and Mechanics</p>	<p>10 to >9.0 pts Excellent</p>	<p>9 to >8.0 pts Good</p>	<p>8 to >7.0 pts Fair</p>	<p>7 to >0 pts Poor</p>	10 pts
	<p>Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed. Spelling is correct. Language is clear and precise. Sentences display varied structure.</p>	<p>Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed with minor errors. Spelling is correct.</p>	<p>Paper contains some grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors. Language lacks clarity or includes the use of some jargon or conversational tone.</p>	<p>Paper contains numerous grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors. Language uses jargon or conversational tone.</p>	

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This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome MLA Formatting	5 to >4.5 pts Excellent Paper follows MLA guidelines. Paper is the appropriate length as described for the assignment. Format enhances the readability of the paper.	4.5 to >4.0 pts Good Paper follows most MLA guidelines. Paper is the appropriate length as described for the assignment.	4 to >3.5 pts Fair Paper follows some guidelines. Paper is over/under designated length as described in the assignment instructions.	3.5 to >0 pts Poor Paper lacks many elements of correct formatting. Paper is inadequate/excessive in length. Formatting detracts from readability (not double spaced, illegible font, etc.)	5 pts
Total Points: 50					