

Terroir Winter Quarter Weekly Seminar Preparation 1-5-2016

Seminar offers us the opportunity to share how our individual learning and collective understanding of program topics is being shaped by program readings and activities. For winter quarter, seminar writing will be a focused analysis of a single text unless assigned otherwise in advance by faculty. Take careful notes as you read, and consider writing lists of questions and conclusions you take away from reading the text. Read the end notes and citations to better understand the author's thinking and what resources influenced their work. These approaches will help you piece together a more coherent understanding of both the message the author is trying to convey and the scholarly process of research and writing. Seminar discussions will likely be as informative and meaningful as the level of your preparation.

Wednesday seminar: pre-seminar writing assignment.

Your pre-seminar writing is your ticket to enter seminar. Again, for winter quarter, seminar writing will be a focused analysis of a single text unless assigned otherwise in advance by faculty.

- Begin your writing by identifying the author's thesis, what is the author trying to get you to believe?
- Discuss the evidence used to support the thesis, what lines of facts or reasoning does the author employ to flesh out the thesis?
- Discuss how the reading is adding to your understanding of Terroir. There is no right or wrong thinking here, only a chance to articulate your emerging thinking about a complex idea.

The Nitty Gritty Details

- Always be prepared with a typed, double-spaced, proofread, 12 Times Roman font (or equivalent) seminar pre-writing assignment.
- Type your name, date, and title at the top. Staple multiple pages together.
- Length should be 400-500 words.
- When referring to the text, cite the page number.
- Expect your writing to be shared in various ways with peers and collected by the faculty.
- Always come to seminars with program notes and annotated hard copies of assigned texts.