FYS 112 SR – Toward A Compassionate Society – Spring 2017 – Summary and Analysis Essay on your independently read book

**Guidelines for Paper 2**: at least 3 full pages and a works cited list – MLA format – 10% of the grade. **The to-be-graded version is due on February 27.** You may rewrite the graded paper for a grade of up to an 88. Again, the rewrite must be substantial, not a “quick fix” of little errors, before it can earn a better grade. I will grade these by the revised Writing Program Rubric, posted on bblearn in the Content section.

**In order for your essay to be eligible to earn a grade of better than a C+, you must bring in 3 copies of the completed, printed version at the beginning of class on Friday, February 24 and participate in the peer review**. You will turn in one paper copy of the essay to Professor Thomas by the end of class on February 24. If you have a university-excused absence for that day, we’ll find an alternative peer review for you.

As directed on the syllabus, you should select a book that has something to do with compassion and read it independently. While there is a list of books posted on bblearn, that students have used in the past, you are not required to read a book from that list.

Separately from Paper 2, you will give a 5-minute oral report on your selection. The grading rubric for the oral report will be handed out separately.

Paper Assignment.

**Pre-think:** Consider compassion. Consider the concepts of compassion we have read about this semester in FYS 112. Do this at least twice, for at least 5 minutes each time. Consider compassion with your cell phone OFF and all screens OFF. Listen to music if you wish. Go for a walk if you wish to do so.

**The Essay Proper:**

Write a summary and analysis of your book, as follows:

Introduction: As Paper 1, but with a thesis that includes an indication of whether your book or

parts of your book expanded your views on what compassion is and/or is not.

Summary: Write a summary of your book (be careful not to plagiarize here – use your own

words or quote properly); no more than 200 words.

Analysis: In at least 3 well-developed body paragraphs, analyze your book by according to

the directions below.

Conclusion: Sum up your explanation and let the reader know what’s important about the

bigger picture.

Work(s) Cited List – MLA format (doesn’t count toward the page total)

By what criteria will you analyze the article? **By Criterion 1 AND two additional criteria from the list:**

1. Does the book/parts of the book expand your views on what compassion is and what it is not? Refer to concepts of compassion we have found in our reading/viewing.
2. Does the author use appropriate and relevant content to develop ideas?
3. Does the author use language that communicates meaning to the reader?
4. Does the author articulate issues/problems to be considered critically in a manner that defines terms, explores ambiguities, determines boundaries and/or establishes backgrounds?
5. Does the author acknowledge different sides of the issue? Question some assumptions?

You may use I in this essay. You may NOT use you, yours or we in this essay, except in quotations of the words of others.

Why are we doing this? To allow you to read a book that interests you and develop a thoughtful, well-written analysis of whether it has helped you grow.

Remember, how much you like the book may be different from the results of your critical analysis.

Questions? Ask Prof. Thomas