

## ENGLISH 1500: READING RESPONSE #2

### Instructions:

Choose one (1) of the characters from Jane Austen's *Persuasion* listed below.

- Anne Elliot
- Captain Wentworth
- Sir Walter Elliot
- Mary Musgrove
- Elizabeth Elliot
- Admiral Croft
- Mrs. Croft
- William Walter Elliot
- Lady Russell
- Captain Benwick

Write 1-2 page essay in which you evaluate the character you have chosen by focusing on the character's language, behavior, background, interaction with other characters, and reactions to his or her environment. Be sure to use specific physical description, dialog and events from the novel. You *must* quote from the novel to adequately evaluate your character.

You should begin by describing the relationship of the character you choose to the novel's heroine, Anne. You should also consider how Anne's opinion and/or impression of the character you choose evolves through the novel. What does she think of the character when she first meets him/her? How does she feel about the character at the end of the novel? If you choose Anne, you should consider your impressions of her at the beginning of the novel as well as how your opinion changes by the end of the novel?

### Requirements:

- You should upload your completed Reading Response in Canvas using the assignment link.
- No paper print outs of your Response will be accepted as a result of COVID-19 concerns.
- All assignments must be turned in by the specified due date and time.
- All late assignments will receive a 10% penalty.

For help with writing, you should remember that you are entitled to use the services of the **Writing Center (Columbine 316)** and all its services (peer tutoring, workshops, and individual sessions). This is a Writing Intensive Explore Course in the Compass Curriculum

### Expectations:

- This Reading Responses should typed in a Word document, double spaced, approx. 250 words per page, 12pt. type.
- Your RR 2 should be approximately 1-2 page(s) in length; 1" margins; numbered pages.
- An MLA heading is required for each assignment submitted. Please this use this specific formatting for your heading:

Your Name  
Your Instructor's Name  
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- A "Works Cited" or "Bibliography" is required for the novel. Please use MLA style for any and all citations.

## Do's & Don'ts:

- Be sure to quote from the novel as support for your ideas.
- DO NOT use 2nd person pronouns;
- Make sure your nouns & pronouns agree!
- No contractions in academic writing
- Own your argument! Avoid phrases like "I think," "I feel," "I believe," "for me"
- Avoid vague words such as "perhaps," "maybe," "could," "possibly," etc.
- Avoid our pet peeves at all costs by using/misusing the following:
  - mindset
  - amongst ("among" is preferable)
  - hold (when you mean "have")
  - oftentimes (should be "often")
  - societal (instead use "social")
  - utilize (instead use "use")
  - due to the fact ("because" is preferable)
  - depressed (prior to the 20th century when it became a clinical diagnosis, people were not depressed, they were sad or melancholy; they also did not suffer from PTSD even though they may have fought in a war; PTSD is a diagnosis from the late 20th century, prior to this point, "shell shock" was more commonly used)
  - literally (use it only if you mean literally).
- Do not use cliché and/or idioms in academic writing (Example: "John Smith's wealth was **wiped out** from overspending", "at the tip of my tongue", "Only time will tell", "A waste of time", "Don't get your knickers in a twist", etc").