

## The 3x5 Index Card Requirement

**On the index card, make a bulleted list responding to the following. You may use both sides of your card, but you must be brief and precise.**

1. Supply a brief summary of the MAIN plot or SIGNIFICANT events of the reading. Even poems have events or ideas you can summarize.
2. What is the most important idea of the assigned reading? (theme)
3. What repeated image or sequence of events or symbols do you feel create the meaning you've given in #2. Give direct quotes and page numbers for at least two or three of these.
4. Explain how this assigned story, poem, play or novel made you feel or what you thought about it and WHY. Do not say, "I didn't feel or think anything." If you are not feeling or thinking, you are probably brain dead. If you felt it was nonsense, you must explain WHY you thought so AND WHAT specifically made it feel like nonsense to you.

**Index cards will be graded for the following: how well you summarize the reading, whether you tried to understand its theme, how well you grasped the imagery or events that create that theme, and your ability to think about what you've read.**