

The 3x5 Index Card Requirement

On a 3x5 inch index card, make a bulleted list responding to the following. You may write on both sides of your card, but you must be brief and precise. ONLY ONE CARD PER ASSIGNED READING.

1. Supply ONE clearly worded sentence stating what you think the MAIN or most SIGNIFICANT event or point of the entire assigned reading is. Even poems have events or ideas. If you understood the reading, your one sentence will make sense.
2. Ask a **critical** question about the **meaning** of the reading. A critical question is usually a “why” question focused on what the main or most significant event **means**. It will not focus on plot, setting, or character UNLESS these directly relate to the significant event.
3. Answer your question clearly in ONE sentence. Support that answer with at least two specific, direct quotes with page numbers. State why these direct quotes support your answer. Textual evidence!!!! NOT gut feelings, please.
4. State what you thought about this reading and WHY. Do not say, “I didn’t feel or think anything.” If you are not thinking, you are dead. If you thought the reading was nonsense, **explain** WHY you thought so AND WHAT specifically in the text made it seem like nonsense. Textual evidence!!!! NOT gut feelings, please.

Index cards will be graded for how well you understood the reading, quality of critical question, validity of the answer and textual supports, and your ability to think.