Literature Circles – Digital Discussions

You and your group will be having online discussions of your approved book once a week for the next three weeks. At the conclusion of the three weeks, your group should be finished reading the book and you will prepare a presentation to share your experience with the class.

The digital discussions will occur in Microsoft Teams. Each week, I will create a channel in Teams for your group’s discussion. When you log in and select the course, you should find your group’s channel according to the book’s title and the week number (e.g., The Kite Runner wk 1). Click on it to enter the discussion. You should not enter or post comments in other groups’ channels (even just to say ‘hi’). A penalty will result from inappropriate commenting.

Each week’s discussion is due on Sunday night by midnight. After the week has concluded, I will log on, read, and grade the discussions according to the discussion rubric posted under Handouts/Files > Literature Circles on the class website. Even though it is a group discussion, each student receives his/her own grade.

Each discussion grade counts as a quiz grade. Then, at the conclusion of the discussions, your group will make a presentation (approx. 10-15 minutes) in class, which will count as a test grade. See the presentation rubric for guidelines.

I suggest getting your group members’ phone numbers so you can text/call if there is a problem in the group—e.g., someone doesn’t show up for the discussion. Be sure all group members are clear about when the discussion for the week will be held.