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## Final Assignment for Comp Lit 98a

### (Transitional) TUTORIAL REFLECTION:

At the end of the first semester of junior tutorial, each student will be asked to write a 3-5 page tutorial reflection. This assignment will be due on the first day of Reading Period, but it should be anticipated at the start of the tutorial so that the student will be tracking informally topics, texts, methodologies of particular interest. The assignment will replace the current Special Field proposal, and will serve as a lead-in to the work of the second semester of junior tutorial, with a focus on the research, drafting, and writing of the junior essay.

#### The Assignment:

Please write a 3-5 page (750-1250 words) essay that reflects on your first semester of junior tutorial and anticipates your second tutorial semester and the work of the junior essay in particular. What texts and topics have been most generative? Are there thematic or theoretical issues that have come into focus? Is there a particular mode of research or methodological approach that has been especially productive? How might you funnel those interests into a specific research topic which would provide the basis for your junior essay? What are the 1-2 research questions that will guide your essay topic? Please provide an annotated bibliography of 5-7 works that you will use to focus your junior essay work. You can include different media in the list, but please make sure to include at least one work from a non-English literary tradition.

This essay will provide the basis for the junior essay proposal, due 4 weeks after the start of the second semester of junior tutorial. If you have not been enrolled in the first semester of junior tutorial, either because you are a joint concentrator with Comp Lit as an allied field, or because you have been exempted from the first semester of junior tutorial, you must still submit an essay that addresses the likely focus of your junior essay with the annotated bibliography by the first day of reading period.