

WID Teaching Portfolio - Jocelyn Parr, History – Fall 2010

B. Informal Writing In the Classroom: To Each Her Own

I. Freewriting

Freewrite – On Historical Materialism

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Free Write – Fill the Page

Reflect on Marx’s concept of Historical Materialism.

You will be marked according to your thoughtfulness about the text. If you have nothing to say, write “Writing, Writing, Writing.” Write it over and over until you think of something to say. You are marked your engagement with the text. You are not marked on grammar, spelling, or logic. Try to develop your own personal engagement with these ideas.

Suggested topics: How did the secondary source (Fischer) relate/help/hinder/clarify your understanding of the primary source (Engels); How does the idea of historical materialism relate to the dialectic? What is the ‘material’ in Historical Materialism? What role does economics play? How do you feel about the idea of Historical Materialism? How does consciousness relate to social being or social being to consciousness? How does Historical Materialism differ from Economic Determinism? As always, write about what grabs your attention. Focus on a maximum of one or two of these questions.

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Freewrite # 6 Freud

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Use the space below to reflect on Freud’s *The Interpretation of Dreams*. You will be marked according to your thoughtfulness about the text. If you have nothing to say, write “Thinking, Thinking, Thinking.” Write it over and over until you think of something to say. You are marked your engagement with the text, not on grammar, spelling, or logic.

Topics you may consider:

1. How might enlightenment thinkers, who favoured reason, have responded to Freud?
2. What does Freud think forms the foundation of human behavior?
3. What do you think about Freud’s argument? Is it compelling? Why or why not?

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ii. Paragraph Freewrites

Paragraph Freewrite – On Alienation

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Use the following page to reflect on Marx’s concept of Alienation. You will be marked according to your thoughtfulness about the text as well as the quality of your writing. Your paragraph must have a topic sentence, concluding sentence and at least one quotation taken from the text. The quotation must PROVE the argument you make in the topic sentence. Additionally, you must explain the quotation, thus furthering your argument (and making the quotation work for you). [SIE] You can use more than one quote if that will strengthen your argument. Use short quotes where possible and cite their origins [e.g. (Marx 43) or (Fischer 100)].

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Paragraph Freewrite # 5 – Slavery

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You have no longer than 20 minutes and no more space than that allotted below.

Write a comparative paragraph about slavery using evidence from both Equiano’s Travels and the Roots mini-series we watched last class. Your paragraph must have a topic sentence, concluding sentence and one example from each source. You may use both your notes and the text. Quotations from the source should replicate the following format:

“[insert quotation here],” (Equiano 227). Please note the position of the **comma** and **period**.
