

**Collaborative Reading-Discussion Assignment**  
(or questions to help you get the most out of your readings)  
COMT/HDP115, Fall 2009

When you read the assigned texts, keep these questions in mind. If you are part of a group of students that is scheduled to lead class discussion, please come to class prepared to turn in (hard copy) your answers to two of the questions. You will be assigned your questions at the beginning of the quarter.

1. What are the key words in this paper? What words don't I understand?
2. What are the main topics this paper addresses?
3. What are some of the arguments presented in support of the main thesis(es)?
4. What theories does the author draw on to develop these argument(s)? Try to give a 2 – 3 sentence explanation of the basic premise of the theory(ies).
5. What methods does the author(s) employ to document the evidence presented in support of these arguments?
6. For what field or readership was this text written? In what period? Do you think that the text's reception context changed since its publication? If so, why?
7. Is there some information about dialogue or context that I am lacking in order to understand this text's implications? Where can I get that information?
8. Do I agree with the main thesis? Why/why not?
9. Do the arguments presented in the reading adequately support the main thesis?
10. How do the ideas and methods presented in the reading relate to other class readings? To your experience at the Learning Center?