

Immortality – Inference Evidence Commentary *The Odyssey*

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to synthesize two texts in order to apply concepts discussed in class.

Method: You will achieve this purpose by working with both *The Odyssey* and an excerpt of *Immortality*, by Milan Kundera.

Details: This assignment is due at the end of class today and is worth 15-points. This is an individual assignment.

Procedure:

1. Read the excerpt from *Immortality*, by Milan Kundera.
2. **On your own paper**, take notes on this excerpt connecting Kundera's ideas of immortality to *The Odyssey*. Make as many connections as possible between the two texts.
3. Finally, after reading the *Immortality* excerpt and making connections to *The Odyssey*, write an Inference Evidence Commentary **paragraph** that **fully** addresses the following prompt:

*Based on Kundera's explanation of immortality, **evaluate the validity** of Kundera's categories. Use textual evidence from **both** *Immortality* and *The Odyssey* to support your claim.*

Inference: An educated observation based on the assigned texts that will serve as a topic sentence for your paragraph. This should be the first sentence of your paragraph and be an idea that is worthy of discussion, not a fact from the text.

Evidence: The quoted and cited material that you are using to support your inference. This helps to lend ethos to your argument.

Commentary: The commentary is your words that analyze what you are proving and bridge your entire paragraph together. This must be analysis not summary. Think passage journal assignment...

As you write, keep the Non-negotiables and compound sentence construction in mind.