**HUMN 220 Final Essay: Analytical Reflection**

**Assignment**
Write an essay of 1000-1250 words that analytically reflects on your work in the course this semester. You may discuss a variety of things including but not limited to your participation during class time, your work in your project group, and your engagement with the readings and slideshows. A great way to focus and organize your essay is to return to your Reading & Viewing Journal and develop the work you've done there.

A reflection becomes analytical when it does more than discuss experiences in terms of like/dislike or agree/disagree binaries. That is, don’t just say that you liked something or disagreed with something. Instead, take time to discuss specific details from the texts and slideshows. These details—your discussion of particular art objects or quotes from texts—are the evidence you provide to support your claim about what you've learned this semester.

A productive way to make your reflection more analytical is to spend time comparing and contrasting two or more cultures that we've studied this semester, using their art and/or literature to think about overarching themes or ideas.

I highly encourage you to include images from our slideshows, your group project, or of pages from your Reading & Viewing Journal. (Images and captions do not count toward the essay’s required word total.) Including images is highly encouraged but it is not required.

**Grading**
I will consider the following areas when grading the final essay:

*Claim:* Does the essay make a clear and compelling claim? This claim should not just be “I have learned a lot this semester.” A more compelling claim would be specific about what you’ve learned. Identify a major theme, question, or cultural phenomenon that you think is significant to the course as a whole.

*Support:* What details does the essay provide in support of that claim? Discuss specific details from slideshows and from literary texts. Take time to carefully talk about the examples you provide; being specific and clear in your examples does a lot to demonstrate that you actually have learned something. How well do the details work together and support the main claim?

*Analysis:* How well does the essay go beyond like/dislike or agree/disagree binaries? (Having a compelling claim and clear evidence will help you with this.) How well does the essay make connections between supporting examples?

*Style:* Does the essay use clear, engaging language? Does it have a logical organization?

**Points:** The Final Essay is worth 150 points.

**Format:** 1-inch margins; 10-12 pt, regular font

**Due:** Tuesday, May 16 by 11:59pm, submitted through Blackboard as a pdf or Word document.