English 302 – Journal Response

Hall – “Hidden Culture”

pp.10-15 in pdf text

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A Journal response would be the individual’s thoughts/reaction to a work under study. The response can be personal, academic, or interpretive – in other words, the response is open ended. There is no one right answer. Usually, the goal of a Journal response is to consider the work under study, in this case Hall’s Essay, and move to a professional/personal observation that could prove fruitful for study.

Any piece of research or thought that moves us to our own thoughts would be called a “prompt.” Reacting with skill to those prompts can open up our thinking.

The Prompt: Hall’s “Hidden Culture”

This Essay is a seminal essay in the field of Anthropology. As you can guess, “Hidden Culture” acts as an effective prompt for many fields and topics. We will see other key essays in this class – from multiple fields.

The Assignment:

Your Journal should be roughly 2 pages (or more) in length – written to the best of your ability. If you cite any sources (not required), please apply MLA/APA formatting. Otherwise, have a standard heading (name, class, professor, date) and please double space. You can submit hard copy, but digital to BB is standard in the class. We will review MLA/APA formatting as the class proceeds.

*Your Journal should be a reaction to “Hidden Culture.” Do not summarize this Essay. Just consider the Essay, roll it around in your mind, and react to connections that you see within your major. Or in other words, think how this essay connects with issues/situations within your major or your job/role as you see the future. You can refer to the Text, but the point of the Journal would be your reaction/thoughts. There is no one right answer here.*

Please have a finished copy in class for submission. We will gather thoughts and edit in class and a later edited submission will be