

CLOSE READING PROPOSAL WORKSHEET

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As we have talked about, a close reading can be thought of as an analysis that moves from the small details of a text to larger issues having to do with that text. In this assignment, we are asking you to choose a small section of any major text we have read in class up to this point—maybe one or two paragraphs—and do a close reading of your selection, to be followed by an explanation of how these details relate to the text as a whole. In order to ensure that the passage you select is viable, please answer the following questions. **Then have a tutor or instructor look over your proposal, approve it, and initial this form to be handed in on Wednesday. Make sure your name is at the top of the sheet.**

1. Which section do you plan to close read? Provide a quick identification and a page number.
2. What is the overall purpose of your section?
3. What interesting details do you notice? What features or rhetorical “moves” are being made?
4. How do you think your passage might relate to the rest of the essay?
5. What is your argument about this passage? Why is close reading this passage important?

Approved By (please print and initial): _____