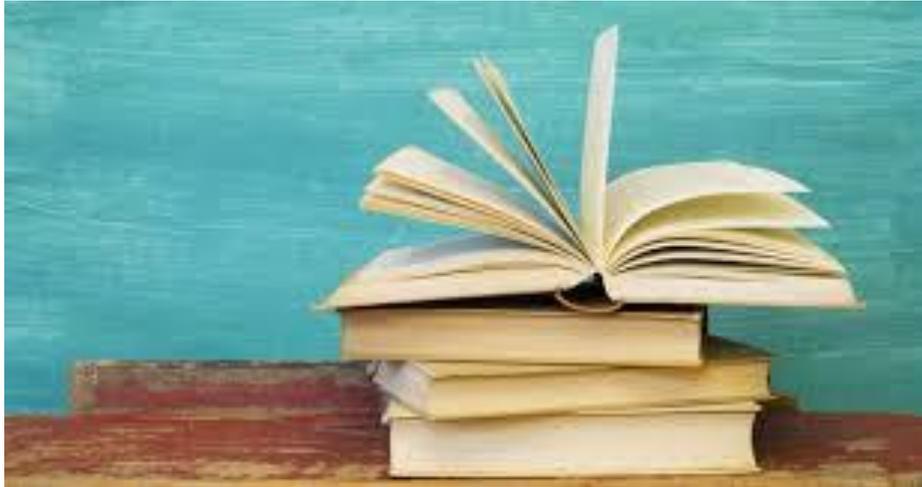


Reading Assignment #1: Literature as an Event



Assignment: Your first major assignment requires you to

- a) attend a literary event
- b) answer a series of questions pertaining to that event

The questions are as follows:

Section I: Contextualize the Literary Event:

Briefly describe the kind of event that you went to. Was it a poetry reading, a literary conference, a book festival, an open mic? Who did you hear read/speak, and what is that person's professional and literary background? **This response should be at least 200 words (and will likely require some research).**

Section II: Describe the Literary Event:

Here, you should provide a play-by-play of the event. What sorts of readings did you hear? What was the audience like? What was the general mood or atmosphere of the event? Were you an active participant, or a passive observer/listener? What sorts of topics or themes did the author's work cover/explore/challenge? What **This response should be at least 300 words.**

Section III: Reflect on the Literary Event:

For the final part of this assignment, you will write a brief reflection thinking about the various ways in which engaging with literature as an event can change or enhance the reading experience. In what ways did the event meet or differ from your expectations? What struck you as especially powerful, thought-provoking, or memorable? How did being in a literary 'environment' (rather than a classroom) impact your engagement with the literature? Would you consider attending another literary event? **This response should be at least 500 words.**

Requirements:

- You must hit the **minimum word count for each section** (not including the prompts themselves)
- You must stay all the way through the end of the event
- You must submit your reading assignment to ICON within **3 weeks of attending the event**
- You must be specific in your answers (I have to believe that you actually went!)

This assignment is out of 100 points

Next week, you will be provided with a long list of upcoming events happening in or around Iowa City. You can attend any one of these events, or you can *ask permission* to attend a different literary event that I haven't included on the list.