SQuIDS

"SQuIDS" stands for "Select Quotation, Identify, and Discuss its Significance."

Squ: As you complete your reading, you should select the quotation that you will analyze and reflect upon. You will embed this quotation, in full, in the first paragraph of your SQuIDS. Remember to follow the proper format for a quotation shorter than three full lines of prose (in text, with quotation marks), or longer than three full lines (indented, no quotation marks). Following the quotation, cite the page number on which it appears in parentheses.

I: In the first paragraph of your SQuIDS, you should introduce the quotation with explanatory material. You should assume that your reader has read the text, so you do not need to give full background from the beginning of the work. Before and/or after you have embedded the quotation, you should explain its context: who is speaking, what is the setting, to what is it in response, etc. You should also paraphrase the quotation if the language in it is dense or figurative. If the quotation contains an unreferenced pronoun or an allusion to something outside the quote, you should explain that as well.

DS: In your second paragraph, you should discuss fully why the quotation is significant to the work and your thinking about it. It may be significant in terms of character or plot development, use of irony or satire, development of a pattern of imagery or symbol, or demonstration of tone or theme.

You should connect your discussion to a secondary quotation or event in the work, in order to further develop your point. If your selected quote is from the early part of the reading assignment, a secondary quote from later in the reading would demonstrate your command of the whole. If your quote is later in a longer work, you may want to connect it to an earlier quote in order to illustrate a change in a character, or to develop a pattern of symbolism or theme in the work as a whole. You may treat your secondary quotation as part of the second paragraph, or in a third paragraph if warranted.

A SQuIDS should be long enough to be comprehensive. Generally, it will be two-three fully-developed paragraphs, about 3/4 – 1 1/2 pages. A SQuIDS should be word-processed, and submitted digitally or in hard copy.