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## "My Quotation"

Since most of the IB assessments you will do this year will require you to be able to focus closely on text and explicate the significance of small, precise elements of that text (this will be true not just in English, but also in History, science, Film, and so on!), we are going to start an assignment that will carry on through the rest of the year until IB exams start. This will be due every other week, each time I see you on a Friday (starting with Friday, October 10).

### Directions:

- Choose a quotation from what we've been reading that week. (For the first week, you may use ANY E.B. White essay.)
- A quotation is NOT a paragraph. A quotation is something short—one or two sentences.
- Write a response to that quotation in which you explain why you chose it *in terms of its importance as an idea*.
- MINIMUM LENGTH: 300 words
- NOTE: Since you have to write 300 words about ONE quotation, you want to make sure that your quotation is a GOOD quotation packed with ideas and significance!
- Type your paper.
- Submit it to Turnitin.com.
- Bring the paper and the turnitin.com receipt to class on Friday; be prepared to hand it in on the way in the door.

### Grading:

I will give you a 50-point completion grade each week; this will count as a formative assessment. Every third paper, I will grade one of them for clarity, precision of focus (and thus logic!), depth of thought and originality of insight. Sometimes I will tell you which one I will grade; sometimes you will be allowed to choose, sometimes the choice will be totally random. The graded assignment will count as a 50-point summative assessment (counts as one-half an essay). To use "My Quotation" assignments in your portfolio, you will have to have TWO papers.

