

January 23, 2008 *ENGL 6250 White and Right in Oklahoma * paper 1 * due February 13

From the reading assignment for today, compare and contrast two or three different accounts of how whiteness is theorized. How do your chosen authors approach or define whiteness? How does the authors' intellectual or academic background – including their disciplinary or theoretical assumptions -- influence how they approach whiteness? Which approach do you find most compelling or convincing? What assumptions, therefore, do you as an English grad student share with that author?

put on paper conversation we had tonight in class.

Criteria

- *Comprehension.* Does the paper demonstrate a comprehension of key issues we've explored through the reading? Be sure to define any terms you use. Does your paper apply terms and ideas from the reading knowledgeably and usefully?
- *Originality.* Have you written the paper yourself? Does it represent your own thinking, feelings, research or textual analysis?
- *Clarity.* Do you have one single, unifying theme (also called a main idea, or thesis) that you are arguing or exploring throughout your paper? Are your supporting claims separated into their own paragraphs? Are your paragraphs organized in a logical sequence? Are the sentences within your paragraphs organized in logical sequence? Are they grammatically correct? Are words misspelled?
- *Credibility.* Is your main idea supported by examples – quotations from the book ~~and the interviews~~? Is your paper believable, convincing?
- *Sincerity.* Does your writing reflect a sincere effort to grapple thoughtfully with the issue of what whiteness is and how it works?

Format

- Your paper should be word-processed by computer (or typewritten).
- Use a font about the same size and shape as what you're reading now (times new roman 12).
- The paper should be about 10 pages.
- Double-space your paper.
- Staple the paper in the upper left hand corner.
- Number your pages.
- Margins should be 1-inch on all sides.

- could use "I" if you feel its appropriate.

Find arguments, thesis statements in tonight's readings.
Wiegman argument is most complex.

Locate where indiv. authors define/don't define whiteness.