

## Summer Reading Assignment:

Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward; All the President's Men

Please read the novel and compose a half-page (approximately 100 words) response to each of the following questions. Your final submission should be about five pages in length, assuming a format with 12-point font, double-spaced, and one inch margins format. You will be submitting your responses via Turn-It-In (see instructions for TurnItIn.com that follow) by 11:59 p.m., August 29, 2011. Detail log-in instructions will be provided during the first class session. Do not try to submit your work prior to the first day of class.

1. Woodward and Bernstein served as watchdogs of our government officials. What are some of the challenges they confronted as reporters unraveling the Watergate story?
2. What personality traits made Woodward and Bernstein good watchdogs of the government?
3. How did *The Washington Post's* publisher and editors support Woodward and Bernstein?
4. What lessons does *The Washington Post's* coverage of Watergate provide to journalists and the news media today?
5. What is the role of the news media? Should the news media monitor the government and hold government officials accountable, or is it "anti-American" to do so?
6. Should the news media defer to its government officials in times of crisis (ie, the Vietnam War, the War on Terror) and not jeopardize support for our nation's leaders? What do you think?

### Procedure for Submitting Responses to All the President's Men Questions

This year, all formal papers will be turned in via the Turn-It-In system (Turnitin.com). The following should answer any questions you have and give instructions for how to use the system. DO NOT LOSE THIS SHEET.

Your written responses to study questions for All the President's Men will be submitted electronically via the web site <http://turnitin.com> anytime prior to the assignment's due date. Papers sent to the site AFTER this time period will be counted late and will receive no more than an 80% score. Do not wait until the last day of the submittal period to send it in, as I will not accept ANY excuses.

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The internet has made plagiarism easier than ever before. Students from elementary to the University level have discovered the ease of downloading papers or cut and pasting other peoples work off the net. In an effort to discourage our students from the temptation of digital plagiarism, we have subscribed to the services of Turn-it-in. Not only does this service aid in the recognition of plagiarized papers but it also provides resources for students on how to cite properly, what plagiarism is exactly, and how to internet research

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1. **File upload.** You can upload a file in any of the following formats: MS Word; WordPerfect; RDF; PDF; Postscript and HTML. After clicking on the submit button, select file upload and use the browse function to locate your paper on disk and click submit.
2. **Cut and Paste.** Use this option if your paper is in a format that is not currently accepted by the program. After clicking the submit button, select cut and paste and place your text into the text box and click submit. You will receive a digital receipt after your paper has been submitted.

Viewing your papers:

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An originality report is produced by the system, which will show the instructor any matching text found in the paper and the source of that text. NOTE: Matching text does not necessarily indicate plagiarism. Direct quotes will be identified by the program therefore be sure to properly cite your sources.

**CLASS ID's & ENROLLEMENT PASSWORDS:**

Class ID's and passwords will be distributed during the first days of class and you will be submitting your work to the Turn-It-In system thereafter.

Any questions? Read the users manual first. We will be discussing this process during the first days of class.

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