

Assignments

Week 1, beginning 1/18/2006:

Thursday:

Discuss syllabus.

A Brief Discussion of Particles and Fields, looking at the world critically.

Write a brief, double-spaced description on how you and writing get along. Are you friends, enemies, distant or close relatives? How do you feel about grammar and rhetorical forms (particles and fields in my terminology)?

Read and Discuss Postman's "Parable of Ring Around the Collar."

Discuss a few advertisements relative to Postman's claims.

To Do For Next Week:

Purchase both required texts as well as your journal and bring everything to class.

Writing: Look around for an interesting advertisement. Write a short response to the advertisement, about 100 to 150 words, typed, double-spaced. Relative to Postman's definitions, is yours a "secular" or "religious" advertisement? Why? Bring the advertisement and your paragraph to class on Tuesday. Be prepared to read yours aloud and hand in.

Reading: In *Arlington* read pages 31 through 58, Didion, Wolfe, Welty & Tam on keeping a journal, seeing, listening and language.

In Strunk & White read pages 1 through 5.

In *Arlington* read pages 94 through 102, tips on writing.



"Calvin and Hobbes" by Bill Watterson.