

Checklist: “Broad Range of Exploratory Reading”

An anthology is a collection of texts organized by theme. The editor of an anthology – in this case you – selects and arranges these writings.

So, in the first half of the semester, you’ll build a collection of writing on the topic of your choice. With the help of your classmates and writing consultants from the Writing Center, you will choose the texts to be included and arrange them how you see fit. I would prefer you to include all sorts of different types of texts in the anthology. For example, if your anthology includes *only* magazine articles, it isn’t going to have the kind of diversity I’m looking for. Or, if all of your texts come from Google searches, your anthology will probably be quite one-dimensional.

Now and again, through out the semester, it is a good idea to check in with yourself to see which genres you have already found and which ones you have yet to find. You don’t have to collect something from every category, but, in order to score high on “broad range of exploratory reading” (see grading system on following page), it would be best if you had most of these check off.

Please check off the types of texts that you have already found.

- ☐ Memoirs
- ☐ Essays
- ☐ Short stories
- ☐ Videos
- ☐ Novels
- ☐ Newspaper articles
- ☐ Magazine articles (try longform.org)
- ☐ Poems
- ☐ Scholarly articles (try scholar.google.com)
- ☐ Texts written by writers in Queens
- ☐ Texts written by writers in other countries
- ☐ Texts written in recent years
- ☐ Texts written long ago
- ☐ Pictures
- ☐ Blog posts
- ☐ Other: _____