

## Reading Responses

You are responsible for turning in 4 short written assignments in response to the assigned readings from Samuel Florman's *The Existential Pleasures of Engineering*.

If you wish to turn in a reading for a particular week's reading, it will be due the Thursday night of that week.

These responses are not supposed to be mere summaries but are supposed to be critical reflections on what you've read. That might involve a little bit of summarizing, but should demonstrate comprehension, and raise thoughtful questions about the text. These questions should also be *relevant* to the larger point of the chapter, and the book as a whole.

A strong response will be well-written, thoughtful, raise a clear and important question, and explain why it matters (either to you, or to the larger argument of the book or chapter) in a convincing way.

Weak responses will fail at one or more of these desiderata.

There is no strict grading rubric for these assignments, as there is a variety of approaches that one could take. The best advice here is really just to try to understand the reading; it's easy to tell when you don't, and even easier to tell when you're not even trying. Effort and thoughtfulness will be rewarded.