

CS101 READINGS: generic guidelines/comments

- Give 5 points if
 - The response shows careful thought and/or creativity
 - It combines the question(s)/prompt(s) - with ideas from the article - ***and with an idea or experience of their own***
 - The response is well-written and flows smoothly (we're really not checking grammar or spelling, but there should be nothing too crazy here...)
 - The response should be a reasonably-sized paragraph
 - Give 4 points if
 - The response addresses the question/prompt with ideas from the article
 - It's a reasonable length (4+ sentences)
 - It's clear that it wasn't computer-generated
 - Give 3 points if
 - It wasn't Markov-generated (or couldn't be mistaken for such)!
- Give fewer points only if it *was* Markov-generated -- or there's nothing there or it's clear that no effort was invested...

Possible Comments -- *these are too generic and they are for a different article... -- but they capture the essential idea:*

[[For a 5-point response...]]

Wow! A great response, in which you've addressed the prompt/prompts and included some external or some of your own ideas, experiences, or reflections (typically it's this weaving of your own ideas that pushes the score to a 5 out of 5). Wonderful!

[[For a 4-point response - be sure to include some explanation, e.g.,]]

Nice response to this week's reading (4/5): it's clear that you've thought about the article and responded to the question. Typically on these readings, a 5/5 score would indicate that some outside ideas or personal experiences have also been brought to bear in reflecting on the article. Here, your response was on-topic, but didn't include reflection on the connections of this situation to others (small or large; personal or public...)

[[Watson-specific]] That said, this is a solid synopsis -- and I certainly agree that Watson holds promise for useful future applications -- personally, I'm hoping it means Watson can attend long committee meetings in my place... (we'll see.)

[[As the last sentences show, it's always good if you can reflect something about what they wrote in your comments to them ...]]

[[For a hypothetical 3-point response...]]

Your response to this week's reading addresses some of the ideas in the article, but does leave some room for expansion, e.g., in the direction of the prompt or to include your own ideas, experiences, or reflections (3/5 here). Typically on these readings, a 5/5 score would indicate that some outside ideas or

personal experiences have also been brought to bear in reflecting on the article and that the prompt/prompts have been carefully considered. A 4/5 might omit the personal facet, but still connect carefully to the prompt/prompts. (That said, we realize this is only 5 points -- and hope you found the article interesting!)